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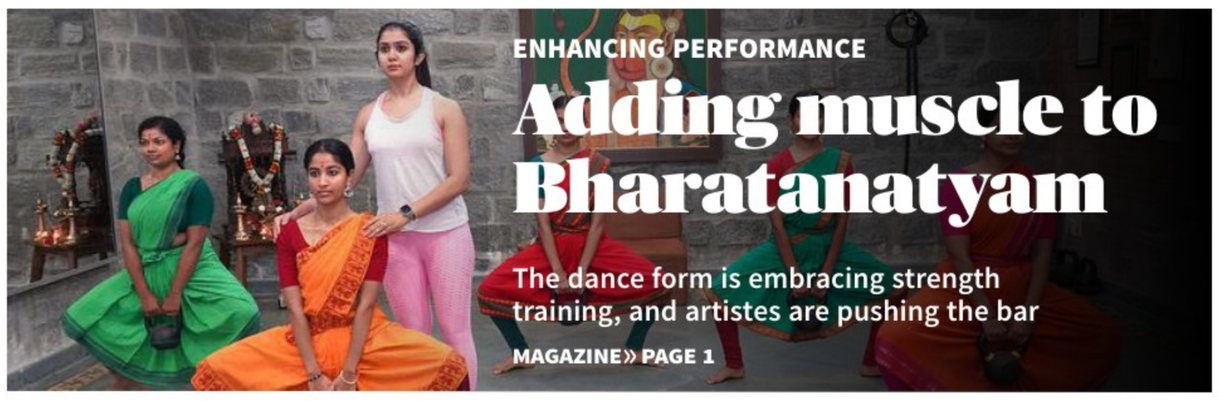

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Adding muscle to Bharatanatyam

The dance form is embracing strength training, and artistes are pushing the bar

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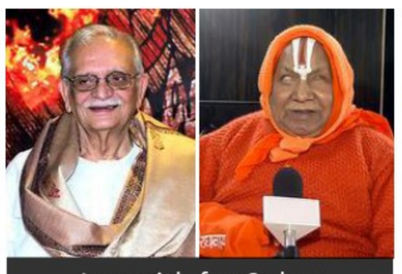

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CET candidates have online 'seat rejection' option now

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

In case of seat rejection, fee will be adjusted towards any other course and college the candidate may select, without any time lag

In a student-friendly initiative, the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has modified the Common Entrance Test (CET)-2024 online counselling application process and facilitated the option to reject an allotted seat online. Now, a candidate can reject a seat online and the fee will be adjusted towards any other course and college the candidate may select, without any time lag.

This comes as a breather to many students who, if they wanted to reject an allotted seat, earlier had to come from their home towns to the KEA head office in Bengaluru. They also had to wait for nearly six months for fee reimbursement.

"To make the counselling process more student-friendly, steps have been taken to provide seat rejection and a fee payment adjustment option in the CET counselling online application from this year. This will prevent students from flocking to the KEA for seat rejection. The fee refund delay will also be avoided," said S. Ramya, Executive Director, KEA.

The long wait

The earlier system was particularly difficult for rural students, who had to come to the city and make multiple visits to the KEA office. The common complaint from thousands of students was that fees already paid took about six months to be refunded.

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India wants Israel to be mindful of Gaza civilian deaths

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar says conflict in West Asia needs a permanent, long-term fix; he reiterates India's call for two-state solution

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Diplomatic view: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in Munich on Saturday. AP

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has reiterated India's call for a two-state solution to permanently resolve the Israel-Palestine conflict. Speaking at the Munich Security Conference in Germany, he also said that Israel should have been mindful of civilian casualties in its (ongoing) response to Hamas's October 7 attack, while calling that attack "terrorism".

"No caveats, no justification, no explanation. It was terrorism," Mr. Jaishankar said during a panel discussion with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock.

"It is important that Israel should be, should have been, very mindful of civilian casualties," he said, adding that it has an obligation to observe international humanitarian law. He called for the return of Israeli hostages taken by Hamas and for the opening of a "sustainable humanitarian corridor" to provide relief in Gaza.

The conflict in West Asia needs a "permanent" and "long-term" fix, Mr. Jaishankar said. "I think today many more countries... feel not just that the two-state solution is necessary, but it is more urgent than it was before," he said.

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Down to ruins: Five buildings were completely destroyed in the blast, which took place in Virudhunagar district. G. MOORTHY

10 dead in blast at T.N. fireworks unit

C. Palanivel Rajan
VIRUDHUNAGAR

Ten workers were killed and six injured in an explosion at a private fireworks factory unit in Kundayiruppu near Sattur in Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar district on Saturday. The blast, which took place at the Ashok Sparklers factory at about 12:30 p.m., completely destroyed five out of the 74 buildings on the premises.

Nine people were declared dead on arrival at the Sivakasi government hospital and one died while at the hospital, police said.

Fire and Rescue Services personnel rushed to the spot to put out the fire.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that the incident was due to overcrowding at the chemical mixing room, Virudhunagar Collector V.P. Jeyaseelan told presspersons at the site of the incident. The Alangulam police have registered a case against three persons, including the owner of the unit.

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Three killed in accident on expressway

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Three people, including a woman, were killed and seven injured when a passenger vehicle by which they were travelling crashed into a truck on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway early on Saturday. The accident occurred on the outskirts of Channapatna around 1.30 a.m. » Page 3

Karnataka Bank will be 100 today

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Mangaluru-based Karnataka Bank Ltd., set up in February 1924 by a group of professionals from diverse fields with an intent to serve the underprivileged, turns 100 on Sunday. » Page 6

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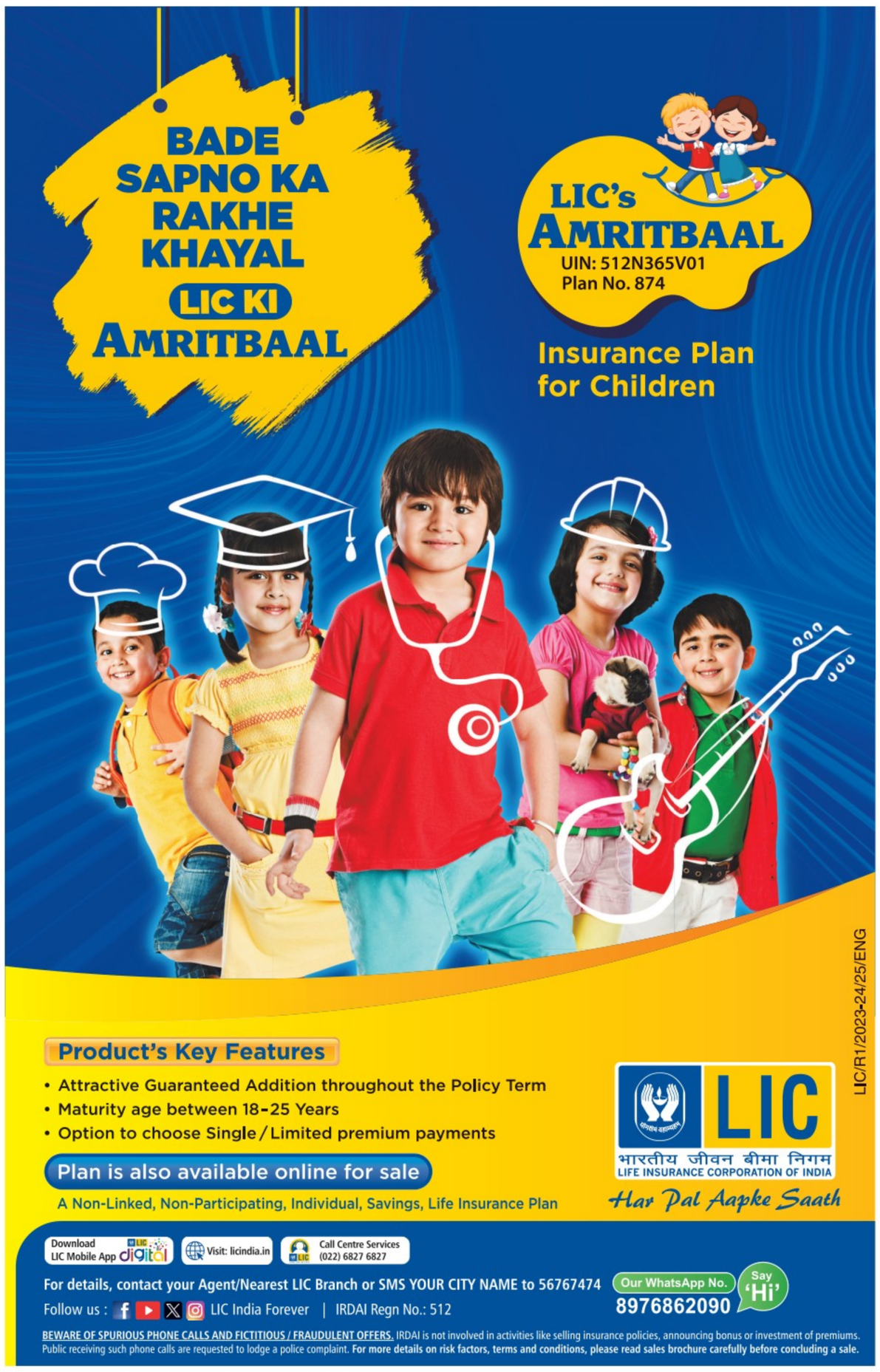

Few patrons: Porters wait on the shore of a frozen lake in a snowless Gulmarg.

Giddy up: Tourists enjoy a horse ride at an unusually dry Gulmarg Ski Resort.

Out of character: The Gulmarg Ski Resort in north kashmir is seen without snow for the first time in 43 years during peak winter.

Kashmir's dry winter

The 40-day harsh winter spell, Chila-i-Kalan, saw unusually dry weather this year, with late snowfall that lasted only days before giving way to an early spring

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Kashmir recorded an unusual weather pattern this winter. Many saw it as a fallout of the global *El Nino* effect, which set off warmer weather patterns during winters in other parts of the world too. In Kashmir, the peak winter months of December and January mostly passed without heavy snowfall, especially in the plains of the Valley. The dry weather was unusual for the 40-day harsh *Chila-i-Kalan*, which usually starts from December 20.The dry spell disappointed tourists hoping for a snow wonderland, Gulmarg, in north Kashmir. Ski enthusiasts, from India and abroad, opted for slopes outside the country in December and January. It was only in the last week of January that the region experienced snow.

According to the meteorological (MeT) department, this January was one of the driest and warmest in the last 43 years for most of the weather stations of Jammu and Kashmir. The mean maximum temperature in Kashmir was about five degrees above the normal for the period, according to MeT figures.

The warm weather spurred early blooming of flowers and orchards, especially apples. Experts worry that early flowering of apple orchards could have an impact on apple industry this year, as the fruit's size and colour could be affected. The apple industry contributes 6.5% - 7% to the Gross State Domestic Product of Jammu and Kashmir, with over 35 lakh people dependent on it. Jammu and Kashmir accounts for 73% of the total apple production in the country at around 22 lakh tonnes. Many now fear a fall in production this year as they wait to see the effects of the disrupted winter.

(Text by Peerzada Ashiq)

Dull business: 'Pony walas' waiting for customers at the Gulmarg Ski Resort.

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Tourist numbers rise, but problems persist

Some reasons for the surge in tourists to Karnataka last year are revenge tourism, a trend that emerged after COVID-19, and the enterprising nature of the private sector; but while numbers continue to grow, the challenges surrounding the sector, namely marketing and infrastructure, remain

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The year 2023 was a good one for tourism in Karnataka. The State had 28.45 crore visitors, which is 10 crore more than the previous year (18 crore). While the numbers continue to grow, the challenges surrounding the tourism sector, namely marketing and infrastructure, remain.

The reason for the surge in tourists is still said to be revenge tourism, a trend that emerged after COVID-19. Ram Prasath Manohar, Director, Tourism Department, told *The Hindu* that along with revenge tourism, the promotions of the department and the introduction of Shakti scheme, where women can travel for free in State-run buses, contributed partly to the surge.

Other stakeholders attribute it to the enterprising nature of the private sector in the last year to lure tourists via deals and other offers.

Sanjar Imam, president, Karnataka Tourism Forum, pointed out how there could have been more tourists in the State if there was more supporting infrastructure.

A crowd onTannirbavi beach in Mangaluru. In 2023, Karnataka had 28.45 crore visitors, which is over 10 crore more than the previous year (18 crore). H.S. MANJUNATH

Need for more hotels

"A lot of people could not travel during the peak seasons as most hotels were running at capacity. It is a shame if people wanting to come to Karnataka cannot come because of this. The government should play its part in increasing capacity by encouraging private sector," he said.

K. Syama Raju, president, Karnataka Tourism Society, also agreed that tier-2 destinations need more hotels. "While there are lots of hotels in places like Mysuru and Hassan, we need good hotels in places like Hampi, Halebidu, and Vijayapura. The government has given industry status to classified hotels, but even normal hotels should get it and we are requesting for it," he said. He also said that if the government provides land, then private parties will develop hotels in under the model.

The capacity problem also extends to transport options, Mr. Imam said. "With government buses not being able to ferry all the tourists, even here they should encourage private players by giving them good-term loans," he said. He added that these problems should be immediately addressed, otherwise the State will lose its edge in tourism.

"If these problems are not solved and we do not captialise on the surge we have seen this year, then the numbers will slide next year. Once they (tourists) pick up another destination, we will end up losing," Mr. Imam said.

Out of the 28.45 crore visitors in 2023, only a little over 4 lakh were foreign tourists. Although this is an improvement from the 1.28 lakh foreign tourists in 2022, stakeholders constantly say that there is scope for improvement.

"We need more tourists from other countries as well as other States. We need more attractions for this. For instance, there was not much to see in Bengaluru and now the Nandi ropeway is coming up which will boost tourism. In Friday's State Budget, some more ropeways, a lot of spiritual tourism, watersports and adventure tourism development were announced and most importantly, permission was given for continuing commercial operations till 1 a.m. in Bengaluru, which might end up increasing the number of outside visitors," Mr. Raju said.

"We also need good highway facilities. Washrooms and other basic amenities on State highways are also essential to attract more tourists," he added.

Referring to the Union Budget speech which mentioned marketing Indian tourist destinations on a global level, Mr. Imam said, "States should also take a leaf out of it and do their bit and market destinations on a large scale. In Karnataka, marketing happens in spurts (when compared to other states) whereas a sustained campaign is much needed."

From Page One

CET candidates have online 'seat rejection' option now

A file photo of students, accompanied by their parents, at the KEA office in Bengaluru for document verification.

Owing to this, candidates who rejected an allotted seat struggled to pay the fee for joining another course or college.

Now, in case a candidate rejects an allotted seat in a college or a course online and gets a seat in another college, the fee already paid gets adjusted and the candidate has to pay only the difference amount online. If the fee of the college and course concerned to which the student joins is less than what was paid earlier, the excess amount will be credited to the student's bank account after her/his enrolment.

Two-day conference on Constitution from February 24

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BENGALURU

The State government will hold a conference on "Constitution and Unity of India" on February 24 and 25 at Palace Grounds.

The conference aims to bring together academicians, policy makers, social activists, and domain experts to engage in discourses spreading across various themes that called for immediate attention, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said at a press conference on Saturday.

With the implementation of the Constitution entering 75th year, he said the conference aimed to create awareness about rights and privileges of the citizen of the country. "Constitution Jathas" will be organised in all the 31 districts, he said.

It aims to critically reflect upon crucial dimensions relating to constitutionalism, social-justice, inclusiveness, and identity and looks forward to conceive innovative ideas that could alleviate the current challenges, said a release. The Social Welfare Department headed by Minister H.C. Mahadevappa has involved National Law School of India University and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, for conducting the event.

Registration to the conference is compulsory and can be done via streaming platforms. For enquiries, login to https://conference-constitutionofindia-karnataka.in/

Achievers all

The Padma Shri awardees for 2024 were felicitated at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Translation of Islam's book to be released today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kriya Madhyama is launching*V.D. Savarkar: Elu Mithyegalu*, a translation by Tadagalale Surendra Rao of the work by Shamsul Islam on Sunday.

Writer Meenakshi Bali will release the book. Thereafter, there will be a seminar on "Theocracy and Secular Democracy", in which Dr. Islam, B.K. Hariprasad, and K. Prakash will take part. The events will be held at Souharda, 1, 1st Cross, CSI Compound, Mission Road Cross, near Subbaiah Circle, from 11 a.m.

The Archives at NCBS releases collections on fifth anniversary

Sruthi Darbhamulla
BENGALURU

"A launch of any collection is the beginning... an archives is in a perpetual state of incompleteness." With these words, the Archives at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) celebrated its fifth anniversary, with the launch of several collections and the inauguration of an exhibition titled "The Breakfast Table" drawing from the papers of scientists Leslie Coleman and M.S. Swaminathan.

Some of the archival material released on Saturday include papers from the Wayanad Prakruthi Samrakshana Sanstha, case material from the Narmada Bachao Andolan, material from N.V. Joshi, Prakash Gole and B.S. Madhava Rao, and sketches from Ranjit Daniels and Carl D'Silva. The first half of the event, which was open for all, saw a walkthrough of the collections by the archivists and Venkat Srinivasan, head of the Archives at NCBS.

Later, a brief introductory session at NCBS' Haapus Hall gave a glimpse of how the archives came to be in February, 2019, and how it has grown into a sizeable collection of around 2,50,000 archival objects spanning more than 30 collections in different languages, representing 120 years of the history of science (its oldest material dates back to 1876).

Some oral history of science recordings were also released to the public.

Archivist Anjali J.R. said during the launch talk that the material collected included environmental histories of people and places, government data, reports, legal documents, art, writing, photographs and bird sketches.

Historian Janaki Nair then spoke on the theme 'archives for all.'

She said that modern archives offer an opportunity to "move against the grain", and that as a historian, one learnt that nothing ever begins in an archive, although it may end up here, saying that it was an "interrupted story" that we interpret.

"We have to carefully read the colonial record against the grain in which it was written," she said, specifically referring to her own work with a set of police records.

She said that archival work allowed one to construct some kind of vision of the past, which may correspond to what the people who kept the records might have intended.

Understand technology before adopting it to avoid becoming victims of cybercrime: Police

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Despite Bengaluru being an IT hub, digital literacy among people here is low leading to an increase in cybercrimes, C. Vamsi Krishna, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Economic Offences, Cybercrimes and Narcotics, CID, said.

He was speaking at a workshop on cyber security, organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Karnataka regional branch on Saturday.

Common mistakes

Citing an example, he said that even though hundreds of apps are available on mobile phones, many of them are not being used and become vulnerable to cybercrimes. He also said even though there is a provision for locking the Aadhaar details, people are not aware of such facilities .

In 2022, 65,000 cybercrime cases were registered across the country, and in Karnataka there were about 16,339 cases. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

"It is important for everyone to understand technology before adopting it. We are lacking in this. Most of us have the habit of first using technology, falling prey to crimes, and then doing research," he said.

Mr. Krishna said 89% of cyber victims who lose money do not get it back owing to technical and banking regulations, he said.

Extent of cyber crimes

In his introductory remarks, Director-General and Inspector-General of Police, CID, M.A. Saleem, said that nearly 25% to 30% of the total crimes registered in major cities are cybercrimes. In Bengaluru city, one-third of the crimes registered in all police stations are cybercrimes.

In 2022, 65,000 cybercrime cases were registered across the country and the share of Karnataka was about 16,339 cases, which is 25%. Of the 16,339 cases, Bengaluru's share was 90%, he said.

It appears that more criminals feel that the risk involved in physical crimes is more compared to cybercrimes, which can be committed from anywhere, he said.

KSRTC bags World Manufacturing Congress awards

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The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has bagged five awards of the World Manufacturing Congress and the World Marketing Congress

Awards

According to a KSRTC release, the details of awards won are: Electric Vehicle Industry Leadership awards - EV Power Plus; Global Brand Excellence awards - Excellence in Branding and Marketing Initiative, Business: Leader of the Year Award - Most Innovative Company; Global HR Excellence Award - Organizations with Best Employee Relations, and Global Best Employer Brand Award Organisation with innovative HR practices.

Besides, Latha T.S., World Marketing Congress and Board secretary and Chief Public Relations, has been conferred with the Global Women Leader award individually for her excellence in marketing strategy.

The award presentation function was held in Mumbai on Saturday.

'BBMP Act should be amended to implement self-declaration of building plans'

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

While the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will soon bring a self-declaration scheme for building plan approval, experts and architects argue that the government has to amend the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Act, 2020 to implement this policy.

Recently, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar said the policy will be tweaked to empower BBMP empanelled architects to self-declare the plan based on building bylaws, after which on the basis of "trust and verification model" the Town Planning Department will approve the same without inspecting the sites. The sources in the civic body say that this may be introduced next month.

At present, citizens who wish to construct or reconstruct buildings have to apply for approval after which the BBMP will inspect the site and grant sanction for the plan. FILE PHOTO

At present, citizens who wish to construct or reconstruct buildings have to apply for approval after which the BBMP will inspect the site and grant sanction for the plan. Although the BBMP claims that the process is carried out digitally, the plans are being approved offline.

An empanelled architect said the BBMP Act, 2020 needs to be amended for self-declaration building plans. Changes should be made under Section 240 of the Act.

According to 240 (1), "If any person intends to construct or reconstruct a building, he shall by way of an application as prescribed should apply to the Zonal Commissioner for permission with such documents as may be prescribed to undertake such construction or re-construction."

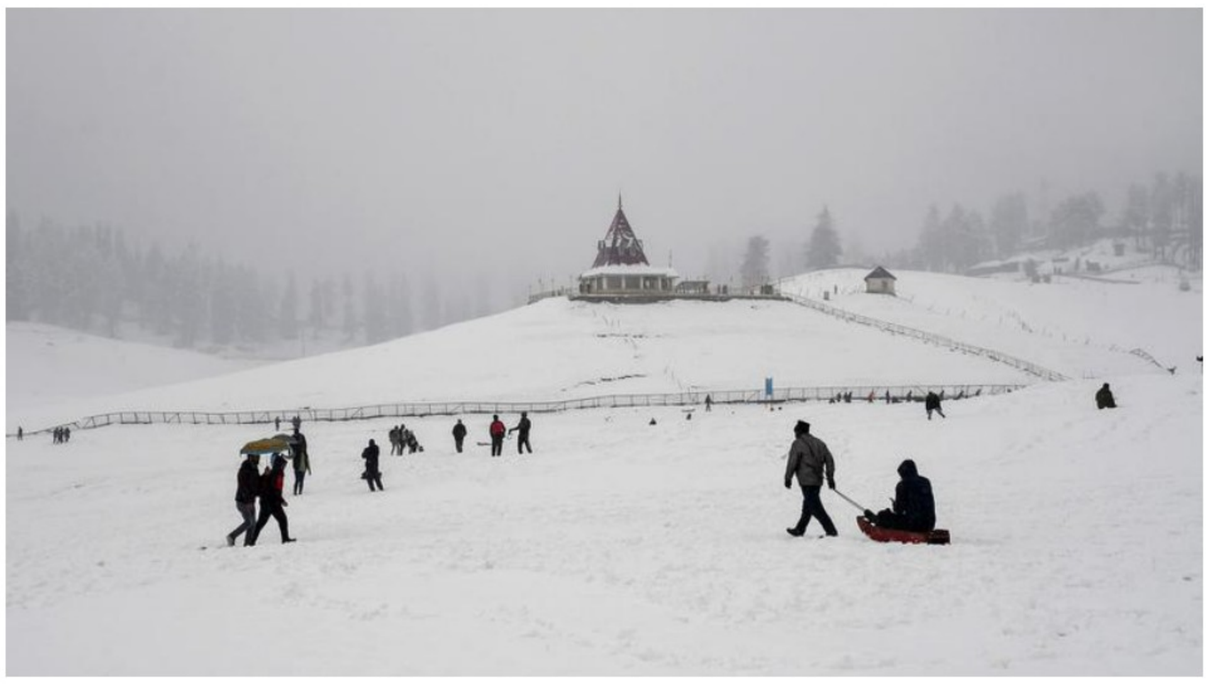
As per 240 (2), "Upon receipt of the application under sub-section (1), the Zonal Commissioner shall verify if the application confirms to the building bye-laws and grant permission to undertake construction or if the application does not confirm to the building bye-laws reject such applications".

In these sections, the rules should be changed to include self-declaration. Mr. Shivakumar said a government order will be passed to introduce the new policy. The architect said the government order has no legal binding.

Amaresh S., an activist, also argued that the orders cannot be passed without an amendment to the law. For the amendment to happen it needs approval from the Cabinet. The BBMP has not sent any proposal. If the Urban Development Department issues orders the same can be challenged in the court, he said.

A senior BBMP official argued that the present system is an internal arrangement made by the BBMP and this can be changed through a government order. There are multiple instances of policy being changed through a government order and this is not a new practice, he said.

Dry days: A Shiv temple on the meadows of the Gulmarg Ski Resort seen without snow cover on January 21.



Tables turn: The Shiv temple after snowfall, breaking a two-month-long dry spell, at Gulmarg Ski resort on January 29.

Winter wonderland: Tourists have fun following the snowfall at Gulmarg.

Season of charm: Tourists enjoy the short spell of snow at Gulmarg Ski Resort.

Before time: A pussy willow with catkins usually heralding spring in Srinagar on February 15.

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Three killed, seven injured in accident on expressway

The vehicle by which they were travelling crashed into a truck near Byrapatna on the outskirts of Channapatna; victims had gone to attend a wedding in Haveri and were returning to Mysuru

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Three people, including a woman, were killed and seven injured when a passenger vehicle by which they were travelling crashed into a truck on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway early on Saturday. The accident occurred near Byrapatna on the outskirts of Channapatna around 1.30 a.m.

The deceased have been identified as Somalingappa, 70, Somappa, 68, and Rajeshwari Desai, 57, all hailing from Mysuru. The injured include the driver Prasanna, Kumaraswamy, Nithin, Lakshmi, Choodaratana, Leelavathy, and Namratha, also from Mysuru. They are being treated in the ICU of an hospital, the police said.

The victims had gone to attend a wedding in Haveri and were returning home. There were around 14 people in the vehicle, of which four got down at Kengeri and the rest continued their journey towards Mysuru. The driver was allegedly driving in a rash and negligent manner. The police, quoting the injured, said the victims had advised the driver to drive slowly, but Prasanna did not heed their advice.

Mangled remains: The passenger vehicle involved in the crash on Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway being cleared from the accident spot on the outskirts of Channapatna.

As he was allegedly speeding, he reportedly lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the truck passing by. The passenger vehicle overturned owing to the impact of the crash. Sensing trouble, the truck driver sped away. A probe revealed that Prasanna was trying to overtake the truck from the wrong side and this led to the accident. He was driving in the wee hours and was reportedly tired and had no sense of safe distance between vehicles on the expressway, the police said.

The impact of the accident was such that the vehicle was mangled and many passengers were thrown out on the road. Passers-by, along with the police, rushed to the help of victims and blocked the road for some time, before rescuing them and clearing the damaged vehicle. Traffic was disrupted for some time on the expressway. The accused driver has been booked for causing death due to negligence and for rash and negligent driving. The police are also checking whether the vehicle had proper permit.

Alok Kumar, Special Commissioner, Traffic and Road Safety, said they would step up vigil on the expressway.

"We have put speed guns along the stretches where drivers tend to overspeed. Vehicles from other States that are passing through often speed as they don't know the 100-kmph speed limit," he said.

27-year-old female constable found dead near Ramanagara

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 27-year-old constable was found dead at her house situated on the outskirts of Ramanagara on Friday night. The deceased was identified as Manjushri.

According to the police, she returned home after work. While her parents were busy with daily chores, Manjushri went to her room to rest and was later found dead.

(Those having distress or suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani on 104 for help).

Tailor killed in accident

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A 40-year-old tailor was killed after a goods vehicle knocked her down on Uttarahalli main road on Saturday. The deceased was identified as Manjamma, a native of Mandya and a resident of K. Gollarahalli.

According to the police, she was riding a scooter when the goods vehicle, said to be speeding, knocked her down.

Manjamma slipped under the wheels of the goods vehicle and was crushed to death.

Case registered

The Kengeri traffic police have registered a case of death owing to negligence and rash and negligent driving against the driver for further investigation.

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Family of patient with Huntington's disease donates brain to NIMHANS

Adult-onset disease attacks areas of the brain that help to control voluntary (intentional) movement, as well as other areas; doctors say this is the first brain donation of a HD patient

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

A file photo of the brain bank of NIMHANS, where brain tissue stored from different disorders and accident cases are made available for research.

The family of a patient with Huntington's disease (HD), a rare inherited disorder that causes progressive neuro-degeneration, donated her brain to NIMHANS for research last week. Doctors said this is the first brain donation at NIMHANS of a patient with HD.

The adult-onset disease attacks areas of the brain that help to control voluntary (intentional) movement, as well as other areas. People living with HD develop uncontrollable dance-like movements (chorea) and abnormal body postures, as well as problems with behaviour, emotion, thinking, and personality.

The family of the deceased patient Meenakshi said life was normal for her, a bank employee, till the onset of HD was clinically diagnosed in June 2010.

"She continued to work till February 2017 after which she was unable to function effectively and was convinced to take voluntary retirement. This was after serving the bank for nearly 30 years. This impacted her mental status and her health deteriorated," said her husband Gopal K.

"During one of her follow-up visits to NIMHANS, she expressed her desire to donate her brain for research. We donated her brain to honour her desire," he said.

Prevalence

Sanjeev Jain, Emeritus Professor at NIMHANS, said the prevalence of HD is four to six in every lakh population.

"It is an inherited disease and the worst part is there is a 50% chance of it being passed on to children, if one of the parents carries a copy of the defective HD gene. It usually hits people in their 30s and 40s just when they have settled into their careers and started their family life," he said.

Meera Purshottam, Chief Scientific Officer at the Molecular Genetics Laboratory in NIMHANS, said the first brain donation of a HD patient is a good beginning. "It is important to study the changes that exist in the brain of a patient who has suffered the disease and how it is different from a normal brain as a person of that age," she said.

"We have a brain bank at NIMHANS and brain tissue stored from different disorders, accident cases are made available to anyone to do research. While we will not be able to do any research with tissue from just one HD brain, this donation will help other patients realise the importance of research," Dr. Purshottam said.

Asserting that the government should recognise HD as a rare disease, Nikhil Ratna, who is the vice-chairman of HDSI, said, "Caregivers have a huge burden. As such patients will require multidisciplinary care and palliative care at the end stage, palliative care facilities with multidisciplinary doctors under a single umbrella should be made available as in the Western countries."

Venkateshwara Rao Kaushik, whose wife is bedridden with HD, said the government should cover HD patients under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka health scheme.

Acknowledging the issues, State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said the challenge still remains in getting it designated as a rare disease.

"A high-level meeting was recently held by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and we are still not sure about the outcome. If there are some approvals from the Union Ministry, the State can take over," he added.

Union Ministry reveals funds to CoERDs grossly under-utilised

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While nearly 2,420 patients have been enrolled with the 11 Centres of Excellence for Rare Diseases (CoERDs) in India, data furnished by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the Lok Sabha during this Budget session revealed gross under-utilisation of funds disbursed to these centres in the last three years.

In reply to an unstarred question by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, data furnished on February 9 by Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar revealed that only 48.7% of around ₹109 crore disbursed by the Ministry in the last three years was utilised.

Providing year-wise details of the allocation and utilisation of funds by each of the CoERDs., the Minister informed that only around ₹53 crore of the ₹109 crore disbursed by the Health Ministry to all centres in the last three years had been utilised.

The National Rare Disease Policy (NRDP) that was formulated in March 2021 was amended in May 2022. The one-time monetary aid of ₹20 lakh per patient announced under the original policy only for Group 1 patients (who need only one time treatment), was revised to a one-time aid of ₹50 lakh per patient for all groups of rare diseases. While Group 2 diseases can be managed through dietary supplements, Group 3 diseases have approved therapy and clinical evidence of patients leading quality lives post therapy. Treatment is lifelong for this category.

Fact sheet

Centre of Excellence for Rare Diseases	Funds in last 3 years	Funds utilised	Funds utilised (%)
Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics with Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad	₹7,38,47,943	₹33,42,416	4.53
Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi	₹4,40,10,000	₹77,56,644	17.62
Sree Avittam Thirunal Hospital, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram	₹3,00,00,000	₹53,00,000	17.67
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	₹3,00,00,000	₹91,17,801	30.39
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	₹43,03,29,854	₹14,90,69,430	34.64

Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, is among the CoERDs with the least utilisation of funds.

According to the data, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi has recorded nil utilisaton of ₹1.4 crore released in March 2023. This centre has carried forward the amount to the next financial year.

"Unspent balance of financial year 2022-23 has been carried forward by the CoERDs for continuing treatment of the patients. The Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Chennai is the only centre that has surrendered the unspent balance of ₹96.03 lakh," the reply stated.

Expressing concern over the poor utilisation, L. Hanumanthaiah, Congress Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka, who is also a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) on Health and Family Welfare, said the Ministry should monitor the utilisation on a day-to-day basis.

"The Ministry should also ask the CoERDs to explain the poor utilisation and submit a detailed report. I have been consistently raising this issue in the Rajya Sabha, and had also written to the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in 2023 expressing serious concern over inordinate delay by several CoERDs to start treatment of rare disease patients," he said.

Disturbed over the poor utilisation, patient advocacy groups alleged sheer negligence by the CoERDs. They contended that many eligible patients, who could have been saved by this financial assistance, have unfortunately lost their lives due to lack of timely commencement of treatment by the CoERDs.

"It is unfortunate that less than half of the funds disbursed by the Ministry has been utilised by the centres. The unutilised amount can still be used to save the lives of several eligible rare disease patients across India," said Manjit Singh, founder and honorary president, Lysosomal Storage Disorder Support Society (LSDSS).

Suspected Maoist from Mudigere arrested?

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Suresh Angadi, a suspected Maoist, native of Mudigere taluk of Chikkamagaluru, is said to have been arrested by the Kerala police near Kannur on Friday.

Suresh Angadi, who has been facing 21 cases, has been absconding for over 23 years. His family members in Angadi village had no clue about his whereabouts.

He reportedly suffered injuries in an elephant attack and that forced the police to arrest him. The police have made arrangements for his treatment.

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Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai- 625016 for and on behalf of The President of India invites Online tenders in **Two packet system** from reputed contractors for the following works as per tender notice given in Government e-Marketing place (GeM) portal. The tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the GeM portal and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl. No	Name of the work	Outcome based comprehensive Housekeeping at Tuticorin Railway Station and colony for 1096 days		
	GeM Bid No	Place of work	Value of the work	Tender closing date
1.	GEM/2024/B/4634227 Dt.15.02.2024	Tuticorin - MDU Division	Rs. 1,13,63,116/-	07.03.2024

Further details are available in the detailed tender notice on website **www.gem.gov.in**
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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that My Client Sri. Thirupathi, S/o. Bangaru, R/at No.226, Ground Floor, NRI Layout, 3rd Cross, Kalkere Village, Bengaluru-560016, is intending to purchase/acquire the schedule property mentioned hereunder from its owner Sri. Narayanswamy .N S/o Sri. C.M. Nagaraj, R/at No.293, 1st Floor, Rajanna Colony, Nagawarapalya, C.V. Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore-560093.
Any person/s, having any right/claim, interest/charge/lien or minor claims over the schedule property may raise their objection to the undersigned within 10 days from this day with documentary proof failing which no claims will be entertained thereafter and my client will proceed to finalise the sale transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.183, Property No.375 & 376, House List No.99/3, situated at Kalkere Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, coming within the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West : 50 feet and North to South : 80 feet, in all measuring 4000 sq.ft, and bounded on :-
East by : Site No.182, West by : Site No.184, North by : Site No.176, South by : Road.
V. Sudhakar, Advocate
No.64/1, Moore Road, I Cross, Veeranna Garden, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005.
Mobile : 9845029581, 9902067104

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. BE-29-2023-24-OT-30
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Description of work	Approx. Value
Electrical arrangements for Balance works connected with construction of New Control Office at IV Floor including shifting of Offices of ADRM/T , ADRM/O, EnHM, Hindi Section and Sports Office to First Floor, shifting of Operating Department & improvements to Audit Office; Bengaluru: Proposed Improvements in Third Floor, Sr. DPO Office and Officer's Chambers in Divisional Office; Provision of Passenger Lift at PF- 5/6 & 9/10 on Bengaluru Cant end FOB of Bengaluru station, Provision of Passenger Lift to FOB connecting Metro SKY walk on back side of Bengaluru Station - Power supply extension; Provision of construction of Divisional P Way depot at Baiyyappanahalli Station - Electrical arrangements; Extension of power supply to track machine siding at Channapatna Station & Power supply extension for EIMWB at Malur & Rajanukunte.	Rs. 84,73,645/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 05-03-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
Bengaluru
PUB/695/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2023-24/18
Dated: 12-02-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Outsourcing of **1)** TRD maintenance & breakdown activities in Chikbanavar(Excl)-Hassan (Excl) Sec, **2)** Manning activities in Yelahanka-Dharmavaram and Bidadi-Yeliur Section **3)** Rendering assistance to Traction Power Controller's for a period of 2 years **4)** Hiring of resident engineer and office Peon **5)** Hiring of officer vehicles for Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/ Bengaluru, Divisional Electrical Engineer /TRD/Bengaluru, Assistant Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/ Bangarapet and Resident Engineers"	Rs. 6,81,59,197.60

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 06-03-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
Traction Distribution, Bengaluru
PUB/698/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/103/2024
Dated: 13-02-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Item of work	Approx. Value
1	Gadag -Wadi New BG Line: Linking and laying of track, construction of trolley refuges, providing R maker boards, curve boards, hectometre post etc from Km.210.500 Km. 257.600 between Shahapur and Wadi stations including Shahpur, Sirwal, Biral, Buzurg, Narboli station yards. **(Tender Ref. No: GDG-WD-56)**	Rs. 22,63,57,672/-
2	Construction of Road Over Bridge (1x24m span composite Girder) at Km. 59/700-800 for Elimination of LC No.55 between Akkihebbalu-Mandagere Station and LC No. 68 at Km. 74/00-100 Between Mandagere-Hole Narsipur Station- Conducting of DGPS Survey, Preparation of Soil Investigation Report & GAD. **(Tender Ref. No:MYS-ASK-LC55-68)**	Rs. 26,54,880/-
3	Londa-Vasco Section: Proposed construction of ROB 1x30 Composite Girder (Railway Portion) and 12x18.7m PSC girder & Retaining wall (approach portion), service road on both side of ROB @ Km.80/500-600 in lieu of LC No.19 Between Chandra Goa and Madgoa Stations (COMPOSITE WORK). **(Tender Ref. No:LD-VASCO-ROB-LC19-1)**	Rs. 34,94,14,703/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 06-03-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Works
Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/697/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

AVADI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
SHORT TENDER NOTICE INVITING RETENDERS
Roc.No. 4916/2022/E2 **NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING** Date 16.02.2024
The Commissioner, Avadi City Municipal Corporation invites two cover system bids from the eligible and qualified contractors for the following works through e-tendering e- submission online as detailed in the table given below:

Sl. No	Packages	Bid Security	Tender document available	Last date for tender submission	Tender Opening	Period of Completion
1	AMRUT 2.0 Scheme Construction and operation & maintenance for 5 years of Under Ground Sewerage System for the left out areas in Avadi city municipal Corporation. (Phase-1)	Rs. 87.00 Lakhs	From 20.02.2024 - 10.00 AM to 07.03.2024 - 2.00 P.M	07.03.2024 upto 3.00 P.M	07.03.2024 3.30 PM	24 Months

Pre- Bid conference **27.02.2024 at 11.00AM**
Place : **Avadi City Municipal Corporation Office, Avadi, Chennai- 54.**
Tender document and schedule can be seen and downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **10.00 AM on 20.02.2024** to 07.03.2024 2.00PM. The Bid security 1% will be received by the Commissioner upto 3.00 PM on 07.03.2024 through on-line only. Other details regarding the tender can be obtained from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
For other details contact e-mail address: **commr.avadi@tn.gov.in** // Contact No.**044-26552515 / 26554440**
DIPR/1056/TENDER/2024 **Commissioner, Avadi City Municipal Corporation**

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RDW&S DEPARTMENT
Court Road, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara
Office And EE : 08226-226054, E-mail : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 13/2023-24, Dated : 15-02-2024
On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, **Chamarajanagar** Invites from eligible Category Contractors (Category of Contractors will be as per E-procurement Portal) for the execution of **JJM work of Gundlupete Taluk Chamarajanagara District under SVS.** The eligible Class-III & Above are required to submit through E-Procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The Notification includes **1** Work of Estimated Cost **Rs. 52.43 Lakhs**. Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal only.

1	Date & Time of Publication of Tender	16-02-2024 @ 11.00 hrs Onwards
2	Last date of Submission of bids	23-02-2024 @ 17:00 hrs
3	Date & Time of opening of Technical & Financial Bids	26-02-2024 @ 11:00 hrs

DIPR:CHANAGAR:410:2023-24
Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Department, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara.

Government of Karnataka
(Forest Department)
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN PARK CUM MINI ZOO, KALABURAGI
Office Phone No. 08472 -256601, email:dcf_tgulbarga@yahoo.co.in
No. A7/ZOO/CIVILWORK/E-Tender/ /2023-24 Date: 16.02.2024
SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION
1) Detail of works : **POWER SUPPLY AND ELECTRIC WORK & SHIFTING OF POWER LINE AT NEW ZOOLOGICAL PARK AT MADBOOL CHITTAPUR TALUKA KALABURAGI,** Indent No. : **ZAK/ 2023-24/OW/WORK INDENT48,** 3) Tender Amount : **Min Rs. 122.00 Lakhs, Max. Rs. 122.00 Lakhs,** 2) Budget Head : **KKRDB (Macro),** 3) Eligibility of Contractor /firm: As per tender documents, 4) Details of Tender application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee & EMD As per Tender Document, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **19.02.2024 up to 4.00 PM,** 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tender: **23.02.2024 up to 5.00 PM**, 7) Date &Time for opening of Technical Bid: **26.02.2024 after 5.30 PM**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **27.02.2024 after 4.00 PM**, 9) Add. Information: DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN PARK CUM MINI ZOO, KALABURAGI, 10) Address of E- Portal : **http:kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests & Executive Director of Children Park Cum Mini Zoo, Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/848/KSMC&A/2023-24

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
Tender Notice No.: 19/2023-24 Date:15.02.2024
In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors through KPP Portal for total 9 works under Head of Account: 2059-08-053-4-00-200 Repair/Maintenance of Buildings of various Departments, 2216-07-053-0-01-200 Repair/Maintenance of Public Works Residential Quarters and Judicial Residential Quarters and 5054-04-337-0-01-154 Improvements to District Roads related to Sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1 & 3) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 4.55 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs.80.00 lakhs. For Tender to be submitted through KPP Portal for 9 works (For work of Indent No.7544- 2nd call on 27.02.2024, For work of Indent No.5615-4th Call, Indent No.5552-4th Call, Indent No. 7467-2Call, Indent No. 7594-3rd Call, Indent No. 7607-3rd Call, Indent No. 7609-3d Call, Indent No. 7614-3rd Call.Indent No.7615-3rd Call on23.02.2024) tender should be submitted within4.30PM. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.
DIPR/ckm/No.175/23-24/ksmca/1303

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Assistant Commissioner (Election), BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: BBMP/2023-24/SE0261 Date: 17-02-2024
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites Short Term Tender from eligible bidders for the following.
Tender Name: **1) Short Term Tender for Establishment and Providing Necessary Items for Counting Hall, Strong Rooms at Counting Centre to Parliamentary Elections 2024, ADEO Central, BBMP.**
Tender Reference No: **BBMP/2023-24/SE0261**
2) Short Term Tender for Establishment of Strong Room, Mustering, De-Mustering Centres and Providing all the Necessary Items for Mustering, De-Mustering Centres and Training Programmes at Assembly Constituency Levels to Parliamentary Elections 2024, ADEO Central, BBMP.
Tender Reference No: **BBMP/2023-24/SE0263**
1) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from KPP Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 17-02-2024 onwards. 2)** Last Date and Time for Uploading Online Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **20-02-2024 upto 5.00 PM. 3)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **20-02-2024 at 11.00 AM at the Office of the AC Election, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 4)** Last Date and Time for Uploading of Tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **26-02-2024 upto 5.00 PM. 5)** Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **27-02-2024 at 5.10 PM. 6)** Address for Communication: **Office of the AC Election, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. Phone: 080-22975564, E-mail: deo.bbmp@gmail.com.** Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/-
Assistant Commissioner (Election), BBMP.

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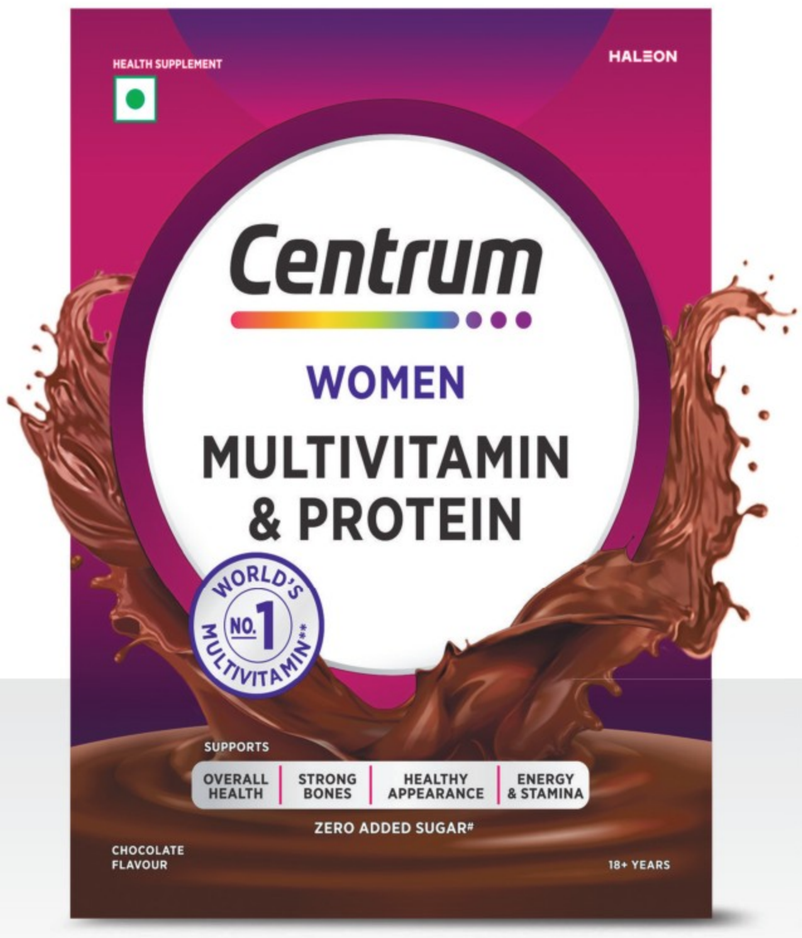

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NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS & VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Department of Health and Family Welfare

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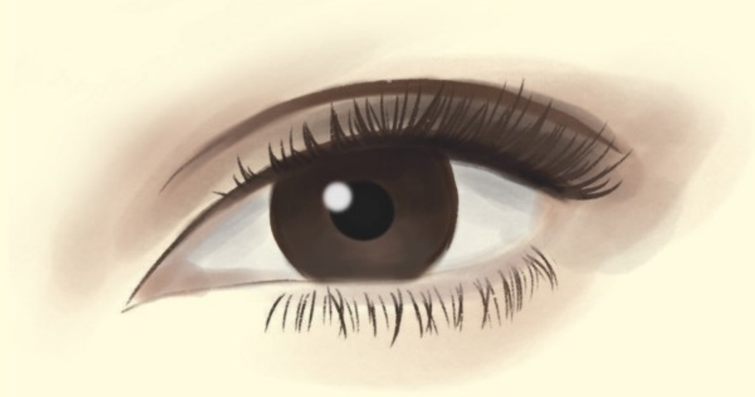
Hon'ble Chief Minister
of Karnataka

Shri. D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister
of Karnataka



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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** GOK, for the supply of Tabs for the use of SC/ST Students (Paramedical, Nursing) Studying at KOIMS, Madikeri, KoIMS. Applications can be downloaded from **12.02.2024 - 10.00 AM** last date for upload is **29.02.2024 - 5.00 pm,** for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.

e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer, KoIMS, Madikeri

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.

1. Aggregate Amount: **Total Rs.5000 Crore, (Rs.4000 Crore (09 Year Tenure) and 1000 Crore (16 Year Tenure))**
2. Method of Issue : By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort).
3. Date of Auction : **February 20, 2024.**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

Sd/- (Dr. P. C. Jaffer)
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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Sagar Forest Division, Sagar
e-mail ID: dcfsagar123@gmail.com
No.: A2/BGT/AW &SW/CR-14/2023-24 Date: 16.02.2024

Short-Term e-Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal in two cover system from interested Contractors for undertaking continuance afforestation works for the year 2024-25 in the afforestation works undertaken for the year 2023-24 as per Physical and Financial Targets fixed for the year 2023-24 under various schemes in Zones coming in the limits of Sagar Regional Forest Department and date is fixed on 22.02.2024 up to 4.30 PM. This office can be contacted for further information and details regarding the Tender can be obtained through official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar

DIPR/smg/No.148/02/ksmca/23-24/1311

SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, No. 1 Division, No. 14, Reshme Bhavana, Vatal Nagaraj Road, Okalipuram, Bengaluru-560021.

No: ರೇಇ/ಕಾ/ಅ–1/ಟೆಂ.ರೇ.ಪ್ರ/2023–24/528 Date: 16-02-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tender is invited for the Appointment of a Civil Engineering Consultant for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for a multi-storied building proposed to be constructed on 4.25 acres of Land owned by the Sericulture Department at Vatal Nagaraj Road, Okalipuram, Bangalore (Opp. to Lulu Hypermarket) through e-Procurment portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. in Indent No: SD/2023-24/SE0083. Interested Bidders may participate in the Tender by registering through e-Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. The Tender Schedule is as follows:

(1) Pre Bid meeting on: **20.02.2024 at 11.30 A.M.** at Office of the Executive Engineer, No.1, 2 Floor, Reshme Bhavana, Vatal Nagaraj Road, Okalipuram, Bangalore-560021. **(2)** Last date Scheduled for uploading of Tender Document in e-Procurement portal is: **23.02.2024 upto 4.00 P.M. (3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid in e-Procurement portal is : **26.02.2024 at 11.30 A.M. (4)** Tenders will be intimated on the date of opening of Financial Bid of eligible Tenderers in Technical Bid as per e-Procurement guidelines.

Note: Addendums or Postponements regarding the said tender and the tender documents will be publish through e-Procurement portal Only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer

DIPR/CP/SPAN/3668/2023-24

Government of Karanataka
(Department of Sericulture)
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SERICULTURE, ZILLA PANCHAYAT, VIJAYANAGAR,
Department of Sericulture, Rajeeva Nagar, Hospet-583201
Email: ddsvijayanagara2024@gmail.com Ph.No:9480409030

Publication of short term tender (through e-procurement)

A short-term tender notice has been issued for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from interested eligible suppliers for supply of Grade-1 bleaching powder and disinfectant (phenol based surface disinfectant-liquid form) used for distribution to Sericulture farmers in Vijayanagar district. Details of dates for submission of tender schedule under e-procurement system are as follows.

1) Details of tender: short term tender notice for supply of Grade one bleaching powder, Disinfectant (phenol based surface disinfectant-liquid form) used for production of silk cocoons crop **2)** Tender no.DDS/VIJ/E-PRO/DIS/1/2024 DATE:- 15-02 -2024 **3)** Effective date of tender documents on e-portal:- 16-02-2024. **4)** Date of pre-bid meeting:- 20-02-2024 11.30 AM **5)** Office address:- Deputy Director of Sericulture, Zilla Panchayat Vijayanagar, Sericulture Department, Rajiv nagar, Hospet-583201 **6)** Last date & time for to download and tender submission: 23-02-2024 05.00 PM **7)** E.M.D and security deposit amount : as mentioned in the tender document **8)** Technical bid opening date & time :- 26-02-2024 ,11.30 AM **9)**Financial bid opening date :- 28-02-2024 , 11.30 AM (subject to temporary schedule change) interested and eligible suppliers should submit through "e-portal". More details can be obtained from the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Deputy Director of Sericulture, Zilla Panchayat, Vijayanagara.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/408/KSMCA/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT, HASSAN
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Phone No.08172-246832 Fax No.08172-246575

TENDER NOTIFICATION

As per Tender Specification Karnataka e-Procurement 1.Tender reference No HDH/EST(6)/Outsource/55/2023-24, Dated:15-02-2024. 2.Submission of application through e-procurement Date:16-02-2024 to 18-03-2024 on 5.00 PM 3.Tender pre bid meeting place, date & time 29-02-2024 on 3.00 PM at District Health and Family Welfare Office, Hassan 4.Submission of objections last date and time 02-03-2024 on 5.00 PM 5.Technical Tender Documents opening Date & Time 20-03-2024 on 11.00 AM 6.Original Documents verification Date & Time 21-03-2024 on 3.00 PM 7.Financial bid opening date and time 22-03-2024 on 3.00 PM or further extended date 8.Total tender amount Rs.93.00 (lakhs) per month Rs.1116.00 (lakhs) per year 9.Total E.M.D amount Rs.28,00,000/- (28.00 lakhs) 10.If any details for contact District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Hassan Phone: 08172-246832 Email-dhohassan@gmail.com For More Details https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in •The Tender accepting authority reserves the right to accept / reject /cancel the tender without assigning any reasons there off. •The Details in this regard may be obtained from the office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Hassan. •We publish any amendments regarding this tender only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Hassan

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2023-24/5511 DATE: 16/02/2024

Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-1 & Call-2)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tender/retenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 5054-SH Impts, 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Impts & 2 works under head of account 4059-PW Buildings, Totally 4 no. of works, amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 30.00 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 458.33 Lakhs.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 1, 3 & 4:
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 19-02-2024 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-02-2024 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 23-02-2024 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): 26-02-2024 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 26-02-2024 at 4.30 PM, 6)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 7)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 2 :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 22-02-2024 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 23-02-2024 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 26-02-2024 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 28-02-2024 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 6)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1164/KSMCA/2023-24

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No:KIMS/KOPPAL/RE-TENDER/DIET/STP/02&03/2023-24/1046 DATE: 16.02.2024

RE-TENDER-NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited from interested Tenderer for 1) Supply of ready Food to In-Patients 2) Maintenance of STP Plants of KIMS College and Hospital for Two Years in a two cover Bid System through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Tenderer can download the tender document from **Date: 19/02/2024** & Tender Documents uploading Last **Date: 04/03/2024**. Approximate Cost: Diet Tender-**Rs.178.80** Lakhs & STP Tender-**Rs.62.00** Lakhs. The detailed tender schedule & other terms and conditions of tender can be viewed in tender document.

Sd/- Dean cum Director,
Koppal Institute of Medical Science, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/451/KSMCA/2023-24

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No:BMICAPA/CLU-02/62/2023-24/1783 Date: 17.02.2024

PUBLICATION

[UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961]

Sri. G. Govindaiah S/o Late Giriyappa has applied to this Authority seeking change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Commercial and Petrol Bunk" pertaining to as per submitted documents Old Sy.No.162/3 has changed to New Sy.No.162/7 0Acre-12Guntas and Sy.No.162/8 Extent 0Acre-12Guntas totally measuring 0Acre-24Guntas of Kunagallu Village, Kailancha Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk. In the foresaid land 0Acre-14Guntas is reserved for Agriculture Zone and 0Acre-10Gunta is reserved for NICE road and NICE road buffer as per approved Master Plan. Therefore the said land reserved for Agriculture Zone 0Acre-14Guntas is considered for Change of Land Use under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1. During the development works of Commercial & Petrol Bunk there will be opportunity of employment for labours.
2. By developing the Commercial Projects in the above said land, the poor and middle class people will get jobs.
3. Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the Commercial developments in the above said land.
4. By Changing Land Use of the said land for the Commercial purpose, Govt. will tax.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within15 days from this notice. Any objection received after 15 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru.

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No:TSCL/Tender/CR/08/2023-24 Date: 16.02.2024

Re-Tender Notification

Tenders have been invited from eligible Contractors for the following works of Tumakuru Smart City Limited. The eligible Contractors may apply by downloading the Tender Document through Karnataka Public Procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For more information contact Smart City Office number 0816-2278190

Name of the Work : 1. Comprehensive work related to Road Safety measures and Supply & Fixing of sign Boards in The TCC limits. Amount put to tender : 1.89Cr. EMD Rs.2.84lakhs. Last date for bid submission : 26.02.2024. Bid opening Date : 27.02.2024.

Note: Any change of date and other information will be notified only in kpp portal and no further publications in Newspaper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Tumakuru Smart city LimitedTumakuru.

DIPR/TUM/550/KSMCA/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Office of the Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Mandya
No:EE:MID:MDY:TB:2023-24:1054 Date:16.02.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO :05/2023-24
Dated : 16-02-2024.

ItemWise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under " KPPP - Procurement " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-2, KW-3 and KW-4. Under the Head of Account 4702-Modernization of tanks (Rain damage)there are 05 No's of works and 4711-Flood Protection (Rain Damage) there is 01 No of work. Amount put to tender ranging as low as as **Rs. 49.00** Lakhs to as high as **Rs.150.00 Lakhs.**

Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to **dated :26-02-2024** during office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website " www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in " upto **dated : 27-02-2024** up to **17-30** Hours. Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on **dated :29-02-2024 at 11-00** AM. Financial bids of the bidders will be opened on **dated : 02-03-2024 at 11-00 AM.** All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the " KPPP - Procurement " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in " kppp " portal only.

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Karnataka Bank: A 'small' institution that has stood tall for a century

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Mangaluru-based Karnataka Bank Ltd. (KBL), set up in February 1924 by a group of professionals from diverse fields with an intent to serve the underprivileged, turns 100 on Sunday.

A bank that had a modest origin a quarter century ahead of Indian Independence has not just stood the test of time but has been playing a dominant role in the country's financial inclusion initiatives especially focused on serving the underserved and underprivileged, including agriculture, small businesses, and individuals, Karnataka Bank MD and CEO Srikrishnan H. told *The Hindu*.

The Karnataka Bank head office illuminated on the occasion of centenary year celebration in Mangaluru on Saturday; (right) Srikrishnan H., Karnataka Bank MD and CEO. H.S. MANJUNATH

"It is certainly a rare feat for a small bank that stood the test of time and is now hitting century. How many financial institutions do we have in our country that are turning 100 and standing tall? It is a proud moment for us," he said.

According to Mr. Srikrishnan, all 99 years, the bank posted profits and 96 of the 99 years it declared dividends, except in 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic, and twice in 1970s when the bank constructed its headquarters in Mangaluru, which required a large capital outlay. "It is a simple bank, but a great brand. The bank has no promoter or no influential shareholder. It has been taking good care of the interests of all its shareholders right from inception. Currently, we have 2,44,000 shareholders and a markcap of close to ₹10,000 crore," he added.

On the way ahead, he said: "We have a three-pronged strategy to fuel our next level of growth, We will significantly grow our customer base from the existing 13 million, grow our businesses, and emerge as a pan India brand." Therefore, at 100, the bank was starting all over again with more vigour and zeal to reach out to newer customer segments, said the MD.

Apart from having an intensive reach in home State Karnataka, KBL has 50 branches each in Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. It also has a significant presence in Delhi/NCR region, Gujarat, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and in the east and western parts of the country.

Centenary building, two museums to open today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Bank will open a centenary building and two different museums on its head office premise at Mahaveera Circle, Kankanady, Mangaluru, on Sunday. The museum will depict the 100-year journey of the bank between February 1924 and February 2024 and display rare photographs, documents, details of the founders, and early customers etc. Meanwhile, a digital museum will give a virtual tour into banking in the next 100 years. The bank has invested ₹50 crore to construct the centenary building and museums.

The bank has a mandate to cross ₹100,000 crore in gross advances by March 2026, up from ₹70,000 crore currently, and it also targets a business turnover of ₹200,000 crore by March 2026, up from ₹165,000 crore at present, Mr. Srikrishnan said.

Share of capital expenditure shrinks, but guarantees not only reason behind it

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The share of capital expenditure to the total outlay of the Budget Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented on Friday has come down to 15% from 16.5% in the Budget he presented in July 2023. Before that, in the Budget presented by Basavaraj Bommai in February 2023, just before the Assembly polls, the share of capital expenditure to the total outlay was 19.8%, the highest in a decade. This was a Budget prior to the introduction of the guarantee schemes.

But, contrary to popular perception, it is not the guarantee schemes alone, but salaries, pensions, and interest payment on loans that have ballooned significantly reducing funds for capital expenditure.

The share of scheme-based committed expenditure, which are linked to specific schemes or programmes, which saw a big jump from 31% in 2022-23 to 42% in 2023-24, when guarantee schemes were introduced, has remained a constant at 42% in 2024-25 as well. But the share of non-scheme-based committed expenditure, which is essentially salaries, pensions, loan repayments, and other administrative expenses, has risen from 56% in 2023-24 to 61% in 2024-25.

However, considering the absolute numbers, the Medium Term Fiscal Plan 2024-28 states: "The government's commitment to boost economic growth by investing in infrastructure development has been reflected in the constant raise in capital expenditure of the State." But it lists "focus towards increasing the capital expenditure" as one of the strategic priorities of the government in 2024-25.

Capital expenditure has increased in terms of absolute numbers compared to July 2023 Budget, where it was pegged at ₹54,374 crore. It is now estimated to be ₹55,877 crore. But this is a drop in terms of the share of capital expenditure of the total outlay. Even in terms of absolute numbers, it is a drop from Budget estimates of February 2023, in which it was pegged at ₹61,234 crore.

Though the share of capital expenditure of the total Budget outlay - 15% for 2024-25 - is lower when compared to the last few Budgets, data shows that Mr. Siddaramaiah himself presented Budgets in 2014-15 and 2015-16 where the share of capital expenditure was lower than 15%.

While the total outlay of the Karnataka Budget rose by 205% from 2013-14 to 2024-25, capital expenditure also increased by 204% in the same period, when absolutely numbers are taken into account.

Implementation of 7th pay scale for govt. staff will lead to severe financial stress on State: MTFP

'Switching back to Old Pension Scheme will be fiscally disastrous for State's finances'

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Non-scheme-based committed expenditure

	2022-23	2023-24 RE*	2024-25 BE*
Salaries	50,061	65,003	80,434
Pensions	24,020	25,116	32,355
Interest payments	29,629	31,598	40,263
Admin expenses	6,413	6,335	6,474
Total	1,10,123	1,28,052	1,59,526
Revenue receipts	2,29,080	2,26,780	2,63,178
Share	**48%**	**56%**	**61%**

*RE- Revised estimate *BE- Budget estimate

Capital expenditure

Year	Budget size	Capital Expenditure	Share
2024-25	3,71,383	55,877	15.0%
2023-24 July	3,27,747	54,374	16.5%
2023-24 Feb.	3,09,182	61,234	19.8%
2022-23	2,65,720	46,955	17.6%
2021-22	2,46,207	44,237	17.9%
2020-21	2,37,893	46,512	19.5%

*Numbers are in crores

Scheme-based committed expenditure

	2022-23	2023-24 RE	2024-25 BE
Subsidy and financial assistance	34,749	27,732	25,904
Guarantee schemes	—	33,468	52,009
Social security pension	9543	10,822	10,230
Grant-in aid	3,226	2,550	2,367
Devolution to local bodies	23,336	21,191	20,447
Total	70,854	95,764	1,10,957
Revenue receipts	2,29,080	2,26,780	2,63,178
Share	**31%**	**42%**	**42%**

The implementation of the 7th Pay Commission for State government employees can lead to steep increase in committed expenditure over the next several years and would pose a severe challenge in maintaining fiscal deficit targets of the State in coming years, said Medium Term Fiscal Plan (MTFP) for 2024-2028.

Depending on the fitment factor, the additional financial implication of implementing 7th pay scale would range between ₹15,000 crore and ₹20,000 crore for the first year of implementation.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in his Budget (2024-25) said that the 7th Pay Commission is formed for revision of pay-scale of government employees and after receiving a report from the commission, it would be examined and suitable action taken.

The State government has been spending ₹1,59,526 crore for committed expenditure such as salaries, pensions, interest payments, and administrative expenses. Committed expenditure constituted 61% of the revenue receipts of ₹2,63,178 crore.

According to MTFP, ₹80,434 crore is needed for salaries, ₹32,355 crore for pensions, ₹40,263 crore for interest payments, and ₹6,474 crore for administrative expenses for the year 2024-25. It cautioned the government that committed expenditure was witnessing steeper year-on-year increase that directly influenced overall fiscal health of the government. The MTFP also said that switching back to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) would be fiscally disastrous for the State finances in the long term and would lead to cutting back on welfare and development expenditure.

Most of the States, including Karnataka, have switched to New Pension Scheme (NPS). A recent report by the Reserve Bank of India on this matter has warned against switching back to OPS and the cumulative fiscal burden on OPS could be as high as 4.5 times that of NPS, MTFP said. Mr. Siddaramaiah had promised government employees on bringing back OPS.

Health of Escoms

The MTFP said the financial health of Karnataka's Electricity Supply Companies (Escoms) and Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. (KPCL) raised significant concerns about the State's fiscal stability.

As of December 2023, loan guarantee issued by the State government for Escoms and KPCL has reached ₹36,657 crore.

Escoms are burdened by substantially outstanding power purchase dues, loans, and accumulated losses exceeding ₹65,282 crore. KPCL faced challenges with outstanding loans surpassing ₹31,145 crore.

"These precarious financial positions pose substantial risks, as potential defaults on guaranteed loans could trigger significant liabilities," MTFP said.

It said that the government should take steps to improve revenue collection to reduce revenue deficit and create more space for welfare programmes.

Modi will become a 'dictator' if re-elected to office, says Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge speaking after inaugurating the Congress convention in Mangaluru on Saturday. H.S. MANJUNATH

All India Congress Committee president M. Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said that if Prime Minister Narendra Modi is elected to office again, he will become "a dictator" and there will not be any elections thereafter.

Addressing a State-level convention of the Congress leaders and elected representatives here, Mr. Kharge said the Congress was the only party that could protect democracy as enshrined in the Constitution. Mr. Kharge alleged that the Prime Minister wants to control every institution in the country and has been destroying their autonomous status one by one.

He told party cadres to ensure victory of Congress candidates in the polls, otherwise Mr. Modi would grow stronger. He was confident that the party would win 20 seats in Karnataka, he said. Upon watching the success of Karnataka government's five promises, Mr. Modi had begun releasing advertisements on "Modi guarantees", he said.

Criticising the Central government for "freezing" the bank accounts of the Congress and the Youth Congress, Mr. Kharge said it was an attempt to completely drown out the Congress. He alleged that BJP got money from electoral bonds from black money holders to whom the Centre returned favours.

Mr. Kharge said the Congress was the party that got Independence for the country and brought all-round development by establishing public sector undertakings in different fields and opening institutes of higher education. The BJP, on the other hand, contributed nothing towards development, instead it was selling all the PSUs. Its promises of employment generation remained hollow, he said.

While the Lok Sabha poll manifesto of the Congress was under preparation, the party had promised to provide legal status for minimum support price for farm produce, Mr. Kharge said. He urged party workers to ensure its victory in the LS polls for developing the country and safeguarding democracy. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and other leaders were present.

No illegality in ordering SFIO probe against Veena's firm: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Veena Vijayan

In a setback to Exalogic Solutions Private Ltd, a one-person-company owned by Veena T., daughter of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, the High Court of Karnataka said there was no illegality, either statutory or procedural, in the Centre ordering a probe by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office into the affairs of the firm.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made the observations in his order dismissing a petition filed by Bengaluru-based Exalogic, which had questioned the legality of the January 31, 2024 decision of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs entrusting the probe to the SFIO.

"The court cannot put shackles in the hands of the Central government in assigning the probe to SFIO when the government finds such a necessity if Inspectors of Registrar of Companies (RoC), during their investigation, out of serendipity come across information that would *prima facie* touch upon skulduggery", the High Court observed.

Rejecting the contention of Exalogic that the probe could not have handed over to SFIO under Section 212 of the Act before conclusion of an earlier probe, ordered under Section 210 and through the Inspectors of RoC, reached its logical conclusion, the court said that ordering a probe through SFIO does not amount to duplication of probe as the Act automatically stops all other probes initiated through any other agency under the Act, once a probe is ordered through SFIO.

The RoC began to inspect documents of Exalogic in January 2021 on receipt of information from Enforcement Directorate on the firm's transactions with Kerala-based Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited, which was raised by I-T authorities in 2019.

The examination of records of CMRL by I-T authorities had found that payment of around ₹135 crore was given away to political functionaries in Kerala and other entities, including Exalogic, without any accounting.

GPs must seek approval of their Budgets before March 10: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge directed all gram panchayats (GPs) in the State to present and seek approval of their GP Budgets before March 10.

In the letter to GP presidents, he asked them to present and seek approval of the Budgets in the meetings before March 10. It should reflect funds received by the State and Central governments and developmental works to be taken up in the year 2024-25, he said. After approval of the Budget, the Minister told GPs to submit them to their respective taluk panchayats.

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
KALYAN KARNATAKA REGION DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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No. KKRDB/TECH/29/2023-24/CALL-2 Date: 17.02.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement System)

The Secretary, KKRDB, Kalaburagi hereby invites separate Technical and Financial Bids for "**Supply of Various Staff on Outsource Basis to the Kalyan Karnataka Region Development Board Kalaburagi**" through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka, Firms willing to participate in this tender shall necessarily register themselves with above mentioned e-procurement portal.

The tender document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and should be submitted through e-procurement system only. Approximate cost work is **1,54,00,000/-** & EMD is Rs. 2,31,000/-,
Event & Date : 1) Tender Publishing Date : **17-02-2024**, 2) Last date of submission of Queries : **22-02-2024 up to 16.00 Hours**, 3) Date/ Time/ Place of Pre-Proposal Conference (Online): **23-02-2024 at 11:30 hrs**, 4) Last date for submission of Tender : **26-02-2024 up to 16.00 Hours**, 5) Time & date of opening of Technical Bid : **27-02-2024 at 16.35 Hours**, 6) Time & date of Opening of Financial Bid : **28-02-2024 at 17.00 Hours**

Sd/- Deputy Secretary
Kalyan Karnataka Region Development Board Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/861/KSMC&A/2023-24

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Successful mission: ISRO launching the INSAT-3DS meteorological satellite onboard a GSLV-F14 from Sriharikota on Saturday. ANI

ISRO successfully launches INSAT-3DS weather satellite

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The GSLV-F14 carrying INSAT-3DS meteorological satellite was successfully launched on Saturday from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. About 18 minutes after the lift-off from the spaceport's launchpad, the GSLV-F14 deployed the INSAT-3DS into the intended geosynchronous transfer orbit.

"The spacecraft has been injected into a very good orbit. The injection conditions were as expected and we also noted that the vehicle has performed very, very well," ISRO Chairman S. Somanath said.

The INSAT-3DS satellite is a follow-on mission of the third generation meteorological satellite from geostationary orbit. The satellite is an exclusive mission designed for enhanced meteorological observations, monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting, and disaster warning.

The INSAT-3DS satellite will augment meteorological services along with the presently operational INSAT-3D and INSAT-3DR in-orbit satellites.

The primary objectives of the mission are to monitor earth's surface, carry out oceanic observations and its environment in various spectral channels of meteorological importance, provide the vertical profile of various meteorological parameters of the atmosphere, provide data collection and dissemination capabilities from data collection platforms, and provide satellite-aided search and rescue services.

Protests rock Wayanad after third elephant attack death in a month

All major political parties in Kerala take part in hartal; protesters block roads, vandalise a vehicle belonging to the Forest department and attack police; prohibitory orders issued for two days

E.M. Manoj
KALPETTA

A dawn-to-dusk hartal called by all major political parties in Kerala's Wayanad district on Saturday, to demand a lasting solution to the escalating threat from wild animals, took a violent turn in Pulpally, 30 km from the district headquarters of Kalpetta. The strike was called by the Congress-led United Democratic Front, the Left Democratic Front, and the Bharatiya Janata Party following an elephant attack death on Friday, the third such death in less than a month.

Protestors blocked roads, vandalised a vehicle belonging to the Forest department, attacked police, and also vented their ire against local Congress legislators I.C. Balakrishnan and T. Siddique. Police had to use force to disperse the protestors, who staged a demonstration with the body of Paul of Vellachalil, an employee of the Kuruva Dweep eco-tourism centre of the Forest department, who was killed in an attack by a wild elephant on Friday. Prohibitory orders have been issued in Pulpally panchayat for two days.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has ordered a high-level ministerial meeting in Wayanad on February 20 to finalise measures to mitigate human-wildlife conflict in the district. Three people have been killed in wildlife attacks in the district since January 30.

Venting their ire: An irate mob staging a protest at Pulpally in Wayanad on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Family members of Paul said that he could have been saved had he received timely medical attention, another issue confronting the hilly district. He succumbed to his injuries at the Kozhikode Medical College Hospital, after travelling 100 km on the busy ghat road.

Last week, a farmer, Ajeesh, had been killed by a radio-collared elephant which strayed into a village near Mananthavady.

The situation has prompted Congress leader and Wayanad MP, Rahul Gandhi, to cut short his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Uttar Pradesh to visit the kin of the three persons recently killed by wild animals in the district. Mr. Gandhi is scheduled to call on the families on Sunday.

₹50 lakh solatium

The protesters wanted an assurance from the government that a solatium of ₹50 lakh would be given to Paul's kin. They demanded the capture of the elephant that attacked him, and sought steps to cage a tiger that has triggered panic among Pulpally's residents. They also wanted the Chief Minister and Forest Minister to visit the area.

The mob refused to allow Paul's body to be shifted for funeral rites until the government gave an assurance to their demands. Later, Wayanad District Magistrate A. Devaki and District panchayat members met the victim's family and promised an immediate solatium of ₹10 lakh, along with a recommendation to the government to provide the remaining amount. They also promised to provide a job for the wife of the deceased and offered to bear the educational expenses of his daughter.

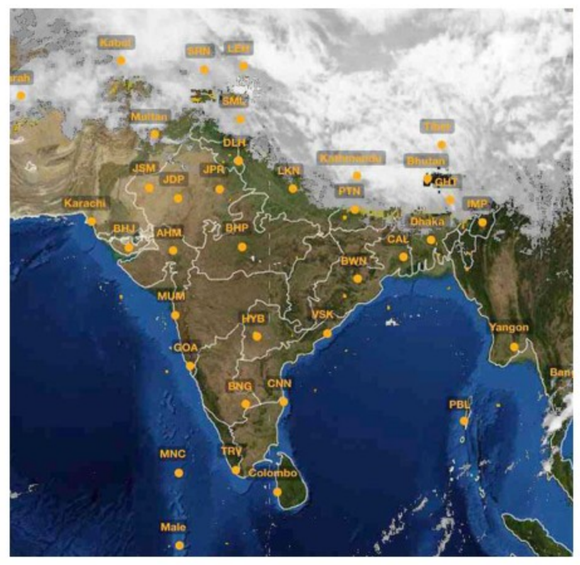
Paul's body was later shifted to his house at Pakkom and buried at the St. George Jacobite Cathedral at Pulpally around 6.30 p.m.

Forest Minister A.K. Saseendran told reporters in Kozhikode that the government empathised with the public cause propounded by the protestors. However, he said that wanton violence against wildlife enforcers, police, and elected peoples' representatives would preclude stakeholders from arriving at a sustainable solution to mitigate human-wildlife conflict.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan briefed the Chief Minister about the tense situation at Pulpally in a phone call, and urged the government to take steps to address the concerns of the public and ensure protection from wildlife attacks.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh. Dense fog conditions likely in isolated pockets over Sikkim, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.0	15.3	Kozhikode	—	35.8	25.7
Ahmedabad	—	34.8	19.4	Kurnool	—	36.8	19.2
Aizawl	—	26.6	12.1	Lucknow	—	26.5	11.6
Allahabad	—	27.3	12.2	Madurai	—	35.8	23.1
Bengaluru	—	32.0	17.7	Mangaluru	—	34.9	23.5
Bhopal	—	31.8	15.4	Mumbai	—	33.8	22.0
Bhubaneswar	—	34.2	20.5	Mysuru	—	32.0	17.0
Chandigarh	—	25.9	11.1	New Delhi	—	26.5	7.4
Chennai	—	31.4	23.8	Patna	—	27.2	15.4
Coimbatore	—	33.8	20.4	Port Blair	—	31.0	25.2
Dehradun	—	26.0	10.5	Puducherry	—	32.3	22.3
Gangtok	—	14.5	9.4	Pune	—	35.6	17.8
Goa	—	35.4	21.5	Raipur	—	33.8	20.5
Guwahati	—	28.8	13.2	Ranchi	—	26.2	12.5
Hubballi	—	35.0	18.0	Shillong	—	18.1	8.6
Hyderabad	—	34.5	16.8	Shimla	—	19.0	8.0
Imphal	—	26.3	8.5	Srinagar	—	15.5	3.0
Jaipur	—	28.8	12.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.5	25.3
Kochi	—	33.4	25.8	Tiruchi	—	34.5	23.0
Kohima	—	17.4	8.2	Vijayawada	—	33.4	19.4
Kolkata	—	28.8	18.0	Visakhapatnam	—	31.6	21.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	5	22	28	193	145	
Bengaluru	7	11	35	111	92	
Chennai	4	33	62	119	124	
Delhi	22	158	102	278	332	
Hyderabad	3	40	42	53	110	
Kolkata	17	66	28	226	158	
Lucknow	10	62	54	199	173	
Mumbai	—	111	85	300	246	
Pune	97	127	114	108	104	
Visakhapatnam	12	38	22	88	121	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 346 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Tumakuru, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 38

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

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NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF UROLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR DIFFERENT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITALS

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, Installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	Bid Reference No: OSMCL/2023-24/ UROLOGY_EQP/19	Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of UROLOGY Equipment for Different Medical College & Hospitals	Rs.5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	16/02/2024, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	26/02/2024, 11.30 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		02/03/2024, 3 PM	27/03/2024, 5 PM
4.	Date & time of Online Technical bid Opening	30/03/2024, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Scale of Pay (in Rs.)	Initial Basic Pay (in Rs.)	Total Post	Age as on 31.01.2024
1.	General Manager (IT), E-7 Grade	1,27,100/- to 2,16, 300/- (Level-16)	1,38,800/- (Cell-4)	01 (UR)	Not above 55 years

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:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

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Postponement of Calender of events (or if any information is only published through e-Procurement portal only) and will not be published in newspapers.

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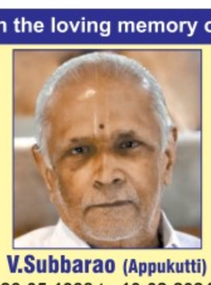

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1st Floor, M.S.Building, Bengaluru-560001

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SHORT TERM TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF 2 UNIFORM SAREES TO ANGANWADI WORKERS/ HELPERS DURING THE YEAR 2023-24

(Karnataka Public Procurement mode only) (Two cover System)

Department of Women and Child Development hereby invites technical and financial tenders (**Two cover System**) from officially registered and eligible suppliers for the supply of 2 uniform sarees to Anganwadi workers/helpers working under Child Development Project Officers under Integrated Child Development Scheme during the year 2023-24. Interested bidders shall submit the bids through Government of Karnataka's Karnataka Public Procurement portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Tenderer shall deposit the EMD in accordance with the tender document.

1) Tender document available for download from: **17.02.2024 onwards.**
2) Pre-bid meeting on: **19.02.2024 at 11.00 a.m.**
3) Last date and Time for uploading online queries in Karnataka Public Procurement portal: **22.02.2024 up to 5.00 p.m**
4) Last date for receipt of Tender Date: **02.03.2024 by 5.00 p.m.**
5) Opening of Technical bid Date: **04.03.2024 by 11.00 a.m.**
6) Tentatively fixed date for opening of financial bid after verification of documents submitted in technical bid Date: **05.03.2024 by 11.00 a.m.**

Copies of tender announcement and tender documents are available from **(a)** Tender inviting authority - Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Bengaluru **(b)** State Tender Bulletin Officer - Deputy Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development and Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Bengaluru. Further details may be obtained from the office of the Joint Director (ICDS), Department of Women and Child Development, Anand rao circle, Bangalore (Tel No: 080-22353780).

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary to Government and State Tender Bulletin Officer,

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KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 09 Dated: 17 /02/2024

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or commercial offers) through e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. are invited for supply of the following goods/services/equipments:

Tender Nos as per E-portal	Nomenclature of Items/ Services/ Equipment	Tender Value in crores. (Approx)	Last date for submission of documents
KSRTC /2023-24/ IND0070	Procurement of Engine Coolant	1.99	01/03/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/ IND0071	Procurement of Pre-cured Tread Rubber	12.00	15/04/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/ SE0783	Engaging an agency for providing IT Professionals on Contract Basis (Short Term Tender)	3.24	23/02/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/ SE0784	Engaging an agency for Driver Services on contract basis (Short Term Tender)	17.00	23/02/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/ IND0072	Procurement of Air, Oil and Fuel Filters required for TATA and Ashok Leyland BSVI vehicles.	1.30	04/03/2024
KSRTC/2023-24/ IND0073	Procurement of Cylinder Liners	0.90	15/03/2024

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded/ published through e-portal only.

NOTE:- Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone. No. 080-2230960, 080–22234115). Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to support@eprochelpdesk.com for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at cosp@ksrtc.org (contact: 7760990225, 7760990224).

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From Page One

‘Israel should have been mindful of deaths’

According to the Gaza Health Ministry, at least 28,000 civilians – many of them children – have been killed in Israel’s retaliation for Hamas’s assault. At least 2.2 million people have been displaced since mid-December.

Images of Mr. Jaishankar interacting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi during the conference surfaced on social media on Saturday. Mr. Wang’s session was just before Mr. Jaishankar’s panel discussion and apparently the two Ministers had an interaction between the sessions.

During his panel discussion, Mr. Jaishankar defended India’s foreign policy, which some, especially in the West, have implied is overly transactional. He was asked by the moderator, Rhoula Khalaf, Editor-in-Chief of the *Financial Times*, if India’s foreign policy could be accurately described as based on a “multiple choice mindset”.

Specifically, he was asked about India buying Russian oil in the context of the U.S.-India bilateral relationship, and whether the U.S. was comfortable with India doing whatever it wanted, whenever it wanted.

“If I’m smart enough to have multiple options, you should be admiring me, you shouldn’t be criticising,” Mr. Jaishankar said. The Minister said he did not think having an apparent breadth of choice was problematic for India’s partners, pointing to his U.S. or German counterparts.

Countries have different pulls and pressures and different histories, and different states of development, Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that he did not want an impression to form that Indian foreign policy was “purely and unsentimentally transactional”. “So I agree very much with what Tony [Antony Blinken] said, which is good partners provide choices. Smart partners take some of those choices,” Mr. Jaishankar said, noting that sometimes, however, choices are passed up on.

India’s purchase of oil from Moscow had been under the scanner in the months following February 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine. Especially scrutinised was how New Delhi and Washington navigated their close and growing partnership despite the U.S. being the main driver behind Western economic and trade sanctions on Russia, and Moscow and New Delhi sharing close ties.

Mr. Jaishankar suggested India is a bridge between the West and other BRICS countries (a grouping originally comprised of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) as he emphasised the difference between being non-West and anti-West, saying India was non-Western but had an “extremely strong” relationship with the West that was getting even better. This is not the first time the Minister has made this distinction between anti-West and non-West.

10 dead in blast at Tamil Nadu fireworks unit

Vignesh, the owner; I. Suresh Kumar and T. Jayabal were booked under Section 286 (Negligent conduct with respect to explosive substances), 337 (Causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others, 338 (Causing grievous hurt by endangering life or personal safety of others), 304 (part II) (Culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and under the Indian Explosives Act.

Following the incident, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced a solatium of ₹3 lakh for each of the families of the deceased, and ₹1 lakh for the injured. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also announced an ex-gratia from PMNRF of ₹2 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased and ₹50,000 for those injured.

The deceased were identified as S. Ramesh, 28; A. Karuppasamy, 23; R. Ambika, 30; M. Muthu, 28; K. Aberaj, 62; T. Murugajothi, 48; V. Santharoobi, 43; M. Gurusamy, 52; M. Muniyasamy, 44; and R. Jeya.

Greek PM Mitsotakis to attend Raisina Dialogue next week

Foreign Ministers and Deputy Foreign Ministers from European countries will take part in the event, which coincides with G-20 Foreign Ministers’ meeting hosted by Brazil; the dignitaries will hold talks with Modi on trade, strategic partnership

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Kyriakos Mitsotakis will be one of the dignitaries arriving for the conference organised by Observer Research Foundation. REUTERS

Greece’s Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis will travel to Delhi next week as the chief guest for the Ministry of External Affairs’ (MEA) annual Raisina Dialogue.

While the final schedule for the Raisina Dialogue, to be held from February 21 to 23, is yet to be announced, Mr. Mitsotakis will be one of several international dignitaries arriving for the conference organised by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), and is expected to include several Foreign Ministers and Deputy Foreign Ministers from European countries, including Latvia, Romania, Estonia, Serbia, and the Netherlands, and neighbouring countries like Nepal, Vietnam, and other Ministers from other parts of the world.

The Raisina Dialogue coincides this year with the G-20 Foreign Ministers’ meeting hosted by Brazil on February 21 and 22, and while External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will stay in Delhi to host the conference, most G-20 Foreign Ministers are expected to be in Rio de Janeiro.

According to sources, Ukraine’s Deputy Foreign Minister Irina Borovets is also expected to speak at the event. U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan, who was due to attend the conference and hold ICET technology talks in Delhi, is unable to travel to India due to “domestic and international” considerations, sources said, indicating both the Biden administration’s campaign commitments, U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin’s recent hospitalisation, and also ongoing developments in the Israel-Gaza conflict as well as Ukraine.

Senior State Department official and former Ambassador to India Richard Verma is visiting India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and he and U.S. Admiral John Aquilino, Commander of its Indo-Pacific Command, are expected to address the conference instead.

The conference will begin with a keynote address by the Greek Prime Minister on Wednesday, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will accompany him.

Mumbai visit

Mr. Mitsotakis, who has been invited for a State visit, will also travel to Mumbai and is expected to be accompanied by a large business delegation.

Among other discussions, both sides are expected to take forward talks on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, which has hit a pause due to the Israel-Hamas conflict. “India-Greece relations have been elevated to “Strategic Partnership” during Mr. Modi’s visit to Greece in August 2023. They are based on shared cultural values, commitment to foster economic growth, collaboration in the fields of security and defence, shipping, maritime and marked by convergence on regional and global issues,” the MEA said.

During his visit to Athens last year, Mr. Modi had made a strong pitch to Greek businesses to invest in India, and the two leaders had agreed to set a target to double bilateral trade by 2030.

India and Greece have been negotiating a migration and mobility agreement to facilitate legal “skilled migration” between the two countries since 2022, but have yet to conclude it.

According to sources, no government to government agreements are ready for finalisation, but several Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) between Indian and Greek businesses are likely to be signed during the visit, including those in banking and finance, insurance, IT, and think tanks.

This is the ninth edition of the Raisina dialogue, organised by the MEA-ORF. Previous editions have had keynote addresses by leaders of Denmark, Rwanda, Israel, the European Commission, Italy, and others.

Income Tax dept. freezes TV channel’s bank accounts

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Income Tax department froze the bank accounts of *Jai Hind* television channel, the Congress’s mouthpiece in Kerala, on Saturday. An office-bearer of the channel said the I-T department had said that a mismatch in filing outstanding tax demands led them to take the “extraordinary step”.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan told *The Hindu* that the attempt to hobble the Congress’s organ was another instance of the BJP-led Union government trying to subvert constitutional agencies to stifle dissent. He said the effort to disrupt the channel’s daily operations smacked of authoritarianism and condemned the move as patently anti-democratic.

Jai Hind managing director B.S. Shibu said the action appeared out of the blue and had been hasty. The channel was litigating the settlement of tax arrears in several courts. The current action seemed rash and politically motivated.

Spy cam, smartphone found in prison cell of Khalistan sympathiser

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Amritpal Singh

The staff of eastern Assam’s Dibrugarh Central Jail on Saturday detected a major security breach in the National Security Act (NSA) cell where Khalistani sympathiser and Waris Punjab De chief Amritpal Singh was lodged along with nine of his associates.

The jail staff recovered a smartphone with SIM, a keypad phone, a TV remote with keyboard, a spy cam pen, pen drives, Bluetooth headphones, speakers, and a smartwatch during a search, officials said.

Assam’s Director-General of Police Gyanendra Pratap Singh said additional CCTV cameras were installed in the public area of the NSA block after reports of unauthorised activities taking place in the NSA cell.

“The source of these unauthorised articles and mode of their induction is being ascertained. Further lawful action and steps are being taken to prevent recurrence,” he said.

Amritpal Singh, 29, was arrested by the Punjab Police under the NSA in April 2023 and transported to Assam on a special flight. His nine associates, also booked under the NSA, were arrested and sent to the Dibrugarh jail later.

The entire jail complex was kept out of bounds for the general public and several high-mast lights and CCTV cameras were installed.

Built in 1857, the Dibrugarh Central Jail is Assam’s second oldest prison.

Atmosphere of fear, hatred prevailing in country, says Rahul in Varanasi

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Listening in: Rahul Gandhi with a supporter during the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra roadshow in Varanasi on Saturday. AFP

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of creating an atmosphere of fear and hatred in the country, adding that true patriotism was in uniting the nation.

“There is an atmosphere of fear and hatred, deliberately built in the country by the BJP, aimed at dividing the society. They [BJP] talk about patriotism, but the real patriotism is towards uniting the nation,” said Mr. Gandhi, addressing a gathering on the second day of the Uttar Pradesh leg of the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Varanasi, the Lok Sabha constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Congress leader undertook a 12-kilometre-long roadshow in Varanasi interacting with unemployed youth and people from all walks of life.

Mr. Gandhi further attacked the BJP government for doing injustice to farmers, youth and underprivileged sections.

“Unemployment is the major issue in the country, but they [BJP] will not talk about it, they would try to deviate you whenever the issue of unemployment is raised. We are witness of two different India today, one is for the billionaires, rich and the other for the poor,” Mr. Gandhi said. The yatra entered Uttar Pradesh through Chandauli on February 16 and is likely to spend nearly a week in the State.

Top State Congress leaders including Uttar Pradesh Congress unit chief Ajay Rai were present during the roadshow. He also interacted with teachers and students of Banaras Hindu University. The roadshow passed through Golgadda, Maidagin, and Manduadih localities having sizeable minority population.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Gandhi offered prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, which also led to controversy as the Congress accused the district administration of pettiness on the directions of political masters for cancelling the permission granted to the grand old party to carry a camera inside the temple.

“Today in the morning Rahul*ji* had darshan at Baba Vishwanath temple in Kashi. At the last moment, the permission granted to our camera to enter the temple was cancelled. The district administration assured that the photo would be shared by the temple cameraperson. Despite continuous efforts, the photo was not provided. Then some seven photos were sent, not a single one is of darshan, although the photo was taken by the cameraperson of the temple. The district administration proved it is working to satisfy their political masters,” said Mr. Rai.

The Congress leader who was scheduled to reach Bhadohi district was forced to cancel his programme and leave for Wayanad. “Rahul Gandhi’s presence is required urgently in Wayanad. The yatra will resume at 3 p.m. on February 18 at Prayagraj,” Jairam Ramesh said.

With no Census data to depend on, government scrambling to assess population of vulnerable tribes

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

With the 2021 Census indefinitely delayed, the government’s attempt at using the PM Gati Shakti portal to estimate the total population of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) across the country is hitting one wall after another.

This has led the government to arrive at three different estimates for the total PVTG population in the last three months – around 28 lakh in November, 36.75 lakh in mid-January, and 44.64 lakh by the end of January. Officials say this figure is not final.

The information on population is crucial to the implementation of the government’s ₹24,000 crore PM-JANMAN package for PVTGs. This data is needed for accurate gap assessment and to sanction certain infrastructure projects that have a population criteria that need to be met.

> We are not saying all gaps have been identified. What we have now is monumental given where we started just six months ago
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> **TRIBAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY OFFICIAL**

When the package was launched in November 2023 to ensure that PVTG villages had all basic facilities and infrastructure, the government said there were around 28 lakh PVTG people in the country. The government said its goal was to plug infrastructural gaps in the around 22,500 habitations they occupy.

But by the time the operational guidelines were released in January, the Tribal Affairs Ministry claimed the total population of PVTGs stood at 36.75 lakh. By the end of January, the government had further revised the total population tally – pegging it at 44.64 lakh as of January 31. Neither of these estimates had included data from Bihar and Manipur, with officials saying that population of some habitations are yet to be fed into the portal for the rest of the States as well.

“We have to constantly keep revising the population data as and when it is rationalised,” one district official in the south of Jharkhand told *The Hindu*, while another one in Chhattisgarh said there is not much uniformity in how different States and districts were estimating the population figures.

Some districts are using population data from ration distribution charts, others are using data from as far back as the 2011 Census or surveys conducted in 2015 by government institutes; some districts have designed detailed surveys and have conducted a near-headcount of the PVTG population as recently as 2023 while others have only estimated it based on household and habitation surveys, according to some district officials working on the project.

A government official explained that most of the population data being gathered was based on “habitation-level surveys”, insisting that it was “not a Census-like exercise”.

The Tribal Affairs ministry has told all Ministries working on PM-JANMAN that the population data on the portal is not meant to be static and that it is subject to revision when each Ministry or department is on the ground to verify and rationalise the data.

“We are not saying all gaps have been identified. But we are at least on our way. The data updation is continuous and as and when we keep identifying more gaps, we will plug them. What we have now is monumental given where we started just six months ago,” a senior Ministry official said.

The entire ₹24,000 crore allocation for the JANMAN package is meant to be spent over a period of three years. So far, projects sanctioned under the package amount to a little over ₹4,700 crore.

Mahindra Percussion Festival in Bengaluru on March 23, 24

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The second edition of the Mahindra Percussion Festival will be held on March 23 and 24 at the Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts, Bengaluru.

The two-day festival will start with the Charu Hariharan Quartet showcasing a distinctive performance that merges Kerala and Karnataka’s percussion and tribal music. This will be followed by a performance by Mridangam virtuoso Viveick Rajagopal and Anantha R. Krishnan. The festival will also honour south Indian percussion through the legendary Vikku Vinayakram’s Ghatam Symphony, featuring Grammy Award-winner V. Selvaganesh, V. Umashankar, and Swaminathan Selvaganesh. The day will conclude with the Swarathma Percussive Experience, featuring Thavil Raja and Beat Gurus.

Day two will begin with the “Rhythms of India” ensemble, bringing together Darshan Doshi, Varijashree Venugopal, B.C. Manjunath, and Praveen Rao. There will also be an avant-garde exploration of the emotional journeys of the Ashtanayika – the eight archetypal heroines from ancient Indian literature. The festival will draw to a close with Taufiq Qureshi’s “SURYA”.

Jay Shah, vice-president, Cultural Outreach at Mahindra Group, said, “At Mahindra, we have always endeavoured to bring our audiences, particularly millennials and Gen Z, closer to their heritage and culture and give a stage to artists and art forms that are at the margins.”

The Mahindra Percussion Festival, in association with *The Hindu*, is co-sponsored by Mahindra Finance, Paul John Visitor Centre, and Carlsberg Smooth Soda and promoted and produced by Hyperlink Brand Solutions. Tickets are available on *bookmyshow.com*

Modi has implemented the concept of 'Ram Rajya': BJP

Party passes resolution titled 'Viksit Bharat – Modi's Guarantee'; it spoke about Article 370, construction of Ram Temple; space programmes, and efforts to lift 25 crore people out of poverty

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday passed a political resolution at a meeting of the party's National Council in New Delhi, lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, likening it to the realisation of a "Ram Rajya" in the past 10 years under him.

The resolution titled "Viksit Bharat - Modi's Guarantee" was moved by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and seconded by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, party spokesperson Sambit Patra, and the BJP's Jharkhand unit chief Babulal Marandi also spoke during the passage of the resolution.

The resolution spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Modi's decade-long tenure as PM, and covered a spectrum of topics, from welfare to cultural nationalism, revocation of special status of J&K under Article 370, the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, lifting 25 crore people out of poverty, and efforts for farmers such as "Modi's guarantee".

Voice of support: BJP leaders and workers at the National Council meeting at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

The resolution also condemned in strong terms the incidents at Sandeshkhali in West Bengal, decrying that "the way in which the dignity of women was violated" by leaders of a party led by a woman Chief Minister "puts humanity to shame".

The resolution went into details of how the aim of constructing a Ram Temple in Ayodhya was realised under Mr. Modi, who undertook religious rituals before the consecration ceremony, "setting an example of *sanatan* life" and "also visited various temples associated with Lord Rama".

"Not only has the temple been built but Prime Minister Modi has also effectively implemented the concept of Ram Rajya in the last 10 years. Whenever there will be a discussion in the future, historians will consider this event as a milestone in the continuous rediscovery of India's civilizational heritage," the resolution said.

The new Parliament House, the passage of the women's reservation Bill, and India's achievements in space were also lauded.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi provides leadership to the entire country from Uttar Pradesh, beginning from Kashi Vishwanath Dham to Ayodhya, where Lord Rama has returned after five centuries," Mr. Adityanath said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh listed out the work done by the Centre for farmers under Mr. Modi. "Farmers are no less than family for Prime Minister Modi," he said.

Ms. Sitharaman, who seconded the resolution, spoke of the global gaze shifting towards the thriving economy of India amid recession in economies around the world.

Winning 370 seats will be a true tribute to Syama Prasad Mookerjee: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Bharatiya Janata Party's National Council meet being held in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told BJP office-bearers on Saturday that winning 370 seats in the next Lok Sabha election "will be a true tribute to Syama Prasad Mookerjee", the Jan Sangh founder who was resolutely against Article 370.

Mr. Modi added that the party's candidate on each seat would be "*kamal ka phool*" (lotus, the BJP's poll symbol) and not any individual face. The 370-seat figure came up in his speech in Parliament more than a week ago.

The Modi-led government revoked the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 in August 2019.

The Prime Minister, in his speech, also told the BJP's national office-bearers that every booth worker "should now focus on polling booths and ensure at least 370 more votes for the party at each of them" in the upcoming election compared to that in 2019.

Setting targets: PM Narendra Modi garlanded by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the BJP National Council meeting on Saturday. PTI

BJP general secretary Vinod Tawde briefed the media after the office-bearers meet and said that Mr. Modi had cautioned party leaders that the Opposition would be raising "unnecessary and emotional issues" during the polls but party members should stick to the issues of development, pro-poor policies, and the country's rising global standing. He also said that efforts should be made by the BJP to win as many seats as they can from those designated "vulnerable" by the party, that is, seats that the ruling party has not won before.

Outreach campaign

Mr. Tawde said the party will launch a campaign to reach out to the beneficiaries of various Central government schemes from February 25.

Giving other details of the speech, Mr. Tawde said Mr. Modi noted that he has been the head of a government, including over 12 years as Gujarat Chief Minister, for nearly 23 years, and there has been no allegation of corruption.

Nadda urges BJP cadre to ensure third straight win

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

BJP president J.P. Nadda on Saturday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership was behind the party's current rise, urging the cadre to ensure that the Modi-led government scored a hat-trick of victories in the upcoming Lok Sabha election "with record-breaking numbers".

He was delivering the inaugural address at the BJP's National Council meeting here, with nearly 12,000 delegates present from all over the country.

Mr. Nadda's speech not only talked of the government's work in terms of development and welfare, but also the growth the party has seen since Mr. Modi's ascent to the national political stage.

Coining a new acronym, 'GYAN', which he broke down as "*Gareeb*" (poor), "*Yuva*" (youth), "*Annadata*" (farmer) and "*Nari*" (women), Mr. Nadda said that Mr. Modi had broken the "Opposition-built silos of vote-bank politics" and worked for these sections regardless of caste and community. He said while the BJP was in power in only around five States before Mr. Modi's rise in 2014, the party is in power in 12 States now and the BJP-led NDA in 17 States.

He rubbished the contention that the party's presence had been limited in South India, pointing out that the BJP had 29 Lok Sabha MPs and eight Rajya Sabha MPs from the region in comparison to 28 and seven, respectively, of the Congress.

"We stand by what we believe in. We are an ideologically driven party," Mr. Nadda said in reference to Article 370 and the Ram Temple.

Amid buzz, M.P. Cong. leaders recall Nath's ties with Gandhi kin

Mehul Malpani
UJJAIN

Amid the buzz that former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath could shift his loyalties to the BJP, top Congress leaders from the State on Saturday made an emotional outreach to the Congress veteran, recalling his over four decade-long association with the Gandhi family. Mr. Nath, who cancelled his M.P. schedule and arrived in the national capital on Saturday, played down the rumours, but would not deny them outright.

Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh insisted that his long-time colleague would not break his 45-year-old ties with the family and the party.

M.P. Congress president Jitu Patwari told reporters in Bhopal that Indira Gandhi had introduced Mr. Nath as her "third son" at a public meeting when he contested elections for the first time in the 1980s.

Mr. Nath, who reached Delhi after cancelling his political programmes in his bastion of M.P.'s Chhindwara, downplayed the rumours, but did not deny them outright. Responding to a reporter who pointed out that he was not denying the speculation, he said: "You are saying this, you people are getting excited. I am not getting excited, but if there would be any such thing, I would inform you first."

BJP keen on 6 LS, 20 Assembly seats in A.P. in tie-up with TDP

Nistula Hebbar
Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Both parties had fought 2014 election together but parted ways later in 2018

Alliance negotiations between the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are at an advanced stage ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly polls, as the Andhra Pradesh-based party makes its way back to the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

According to BJP sources, the party has demanded six Lok Sabha seats in the State, along with 20 Assembly seats, while Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party wants three parliamentary seats.

So far, no confirmation has been forthcoming from the TDP. According to party sources, TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu is being tight-lipped about the possible seat-sharing arrangement, but has not denied the speculation.

"An alliance is conditioned by several factors, including whether everyone on board is happy with their share of seats. Since the BJP is occupied with its National Council till Sunday, nothing will be finalised until February 20. Till then, it is all speculation and political flexing," a TDP strategist said.

The TDP and the BJP had fought the 2014 polls together, before Telangana was formally separated from Andhra Pradesh.

Out of 25 Lok Sabha seats in Andhra Pradesh, the TDP had kept 21 seats for itself, of which it won 15, and offered four to the BJP, which won two.

In 2018, however, the TDP walked out of the NDA, accusing the BJP of not keeping the promises made to the State.

TDP's doubts

The TDP still has its reservations on whether an alliance with the BJP will have a positive impact, especially since the promise of special category status for the State remains unfulfilled.

It also fears that minority voters will slip away from the party, hurting its electoral performance.

Cong. sweats it out over tribal leader's likely exit

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

The Opposition Congress in Rajasthan is in a tight spot over rumours that its influential tribal leader and former Minister Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya is going to quit the party and join the BJP.

Mr. Malviya, 63, has given enough indications that he is not happy with the way he has been treated in the party.

A Congress Working Committee (CWC) member, he is four-time MLA from Bagidora in Banswara district.

Mr. Malviya, considered the Congress's prominent face in southern Rajasthan's tribal region, is reportedly miffed at not being appointed the Leader of Opposition after the party's defeat in the 2023 Assembly election.

Jharkhand MLAs want four Ministers replaced

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Internal tensions within the Congress in Jharkhand came to the surface on Saturday after the Cabinet expansion of the Champai Soren-led government when legislators threatened to boycott the upcoming Budget session if serving Ministers from their party were not replaced with new faces.

On Friday, eight MLAs were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers; three of them – Rameshwar Oraon, Banna Gupta and Badal Patralekh – were from the Congress. One Congress MLA, Alamgir Alam, had already taken oath with the Chief Minister on February 2.

Upset over the issue, the rebel Congress MLAs gathered at a private hotel in Ranchi to discuss further strategies.

The MLAs present at the hotel were Irfan Ansari, Umashankar Akela, Deepika Pandey Singh, Anup Singh, Sona Ram Sinku, Bhushan Bada, Rajesh Kachchap and Amba Prasad.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : SE/PHC/MPM/309,310/2023-24, Jal Jeevan Mission Malappuram District - Pipeline works and road rehabilitation works of Wandoor, Tuvur, Kalikavu, Karuvarakund, Edapatta in Panchayats Amrit Tanur Municipality Provision of household connection in Road restoration and other related works, **EMD : Rs. 5,00,000, Tender fee : Rs. 16540, Last Date for submitting Tender :** 02-03-2024 03:00:pm, **Phone :** 04832974871, **Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in & www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Malappuram

KWA-JB-GL-6-2381-2023-24

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS
TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DIST.A.P : OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

TENDER NOTICE

Adv.No.97/D3/CE/TTD/2023-24 & NIT No.391/SE-II & 165/SE-III/TTD/2023-24, Dated 15.02.2024
Name of Works: 1) Reconstruction of Sri Veerabhadra Swamy Temple with Raja Gopuram and Stone Prakaram (Sub-Temple of Sri KVS Temple) at Narayanavanam, Tirupati District. **Amount Rs. 690 Lakhs,** Time for completion 12 months
2) Providing galleries at North West Corner of Mada streets in Open space at Tirumala, **Amount Rs.525 Lakhs,** Time for completion 12 months.
Note : For full details log on to the website https://www.tirumala.org.

ROC No. PR4/13963/Adv. No.375/ PRO/2024, Dated: 17.02.2024 — EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Notification for Empanelment of Vendors for Supply of Printed Books to KSLU Library

Applications are invited by renowned Vendors/Booksellers /Distributors to seek empanelment as authorized vendors for supply of books to Karnataka State Law University Library for the financial year 2023-2024 which may be extended.

The application form along with the terms and conditions may be downloaded from the university website: www.kslu.karnataka.gov.in. The interested (Vendors/Booksellers/Distributors) can send their application with all the required documents through Post, Couriers or Registered Post. In the name of **The Registrar, Karnataka State Law University, Navanagar, Near RTO Office, Hubballi- 580025 Dist: Dharwad, State: Karnataka, India.** On the envelope it should be written **Applications for Empanelment of Vendors for the Supply of Printed Books to Karnataka State Law University Library**. It should reach within **27th February 2024 by 4.00 pm.**

Sd/- Registrar
Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi

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MISSING

Jayan, Age 42 (If you have any information about this person please contact below contacts numbers). **Address of the missing person :** Nallakkattu Veedu, Chovalloor, Kareepra, Ezhukone, Kollam, Kerala. **Missing from :** 22.12.2023, 23.25 Hrs. **Height:** 175 CM, **Complexion :** Medium Colour, **Details of wearing apparels at the time of missing :** Full Sleeve Shirt and Pant. **Brief of the case:** Crime 2047/2003 U/s 57 of KP Act. He went missing while travelling from Delhi to Kerala.

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DySP Kottarakkara : 9497940838
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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure (TEC), N.R. Square, Bangalore - 02

No. EE/RI-TEC/TEND/16/2023-24 Date: 17.02.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP))
(Two Cover System)
Through GoK KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only

The Executive Engineer Road Infrastructure (TEC), BBMP, Bangalore, invites tenders from eligible Agencies/Consultancy Firms who have registered in any State Government organizations and license holders from labour department for the Man Power Supply detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1.	**Providing 35 Engineering Graduate Employee in Civil Engineering to Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike . Approx. Amount put to tender** (Rs. in lakhs): **159.29. EMD** (in Rs.): **2,40,000/- (1 Lakh through e-Payment & balance Bank Gaurantee).**

Date of Calender: 1. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal from **19-02-2024. 2.** Last Date for Tender queries: **22-02-2024 upto 3.00 p.m. 3.** Pre bid Meeting on **22-02-2024 at 3.30 p.m. at office of Engineering in Chief, No.109, 1st floor, Annex Building 2, N. R. Square, Bangalore. 4.** Last Date for Receipt of Tender is **27-02-2024 up to 4.00 p.m. 5.** Date of opening of technical Bid is **28-02-2024 at 4.30 p.m. 6.** Date of opening of financial Bid :after approval of Technical bid. **7.** This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure (TEC), BBMP.

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Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B) 41/2023-24.

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B)Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building work as mentioned below.
2. No. of work : 03 Nos.
3. Nature of work : Building works.
4. Class of contractor : **'A' Class.**
5. Tender paper cost : Rs.10000/- (online)
6. Available of bid document in the website : **From 19.02.2024 to 17.30 Hours of 28.02.2024**
7. Date of opening of bid : **Dt.29.02.2024 at 11.00 Hours.**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Construction Engineer
Cuttack (R&B) Circle

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No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/ 1705/1706 & 1710/2023-24 Dated:15.02.2024

E –PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.34 to 40, 41 & 42/ 2023-24

Item rate tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement ordinance of 2000, and Act 2000 in Two Cover System from the Class-I Civil Contractors/Firms registered in Karnataka CPWD/MES and KPWD as mentioned below. In E-portal the contractors/firms will have to upload all information's, documents and rates etc in website only. **i.e. kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** No documents will be accepted in person manually.

Sl. No	Name of work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs)	Earnest money deposit In Rs.	Time limit (excluding monsoon period)
1	Construction of Compound wall / Barbed wire fencing to vacant land at Chikkallur, Kenchanapura, Kurubarahally, Puradapalya and Yelachaguppe Rampura, Benglauru North Taluk, Benglauru	106.16	1,60,000/-	06 Months
2	Providing Compound wall / Barbed wire fencing to BMTC vacant land at Roopena Agrahara, Sy.No.18/9,18/10A, 18/10B, 18/10C, Nallurahalli Village Sy.No.05, Nagagondanahalli Village Sy.No.120	71.53	1,43,100/-	06 Months
3	Providing Barbed wire fencing at BMTC Vacant land at Bettadasanapura Sy.No.20, Bidraguppe Sy.No.331, 366, Cintal Madival Sy.No.17, Gattihalli Sy,No,216, 175, Kodathi Sy.No.41, Siddapura Sy.No.3/1A-P-1 and Varthur Sy.No,123. 118/5, Benglauru	75.70	1,52,000/-	06 Months
4	Providing Barbed Wire Fencing to Vacant Land at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Benglauru South and Karisandra Survey No-07, Banashankari and Construction of compound wall at Pillaganahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli (Balance Area) & Construction of compound wall at Agara Kengeri Hobli, Benglauru South Taluk Benglauru	157.35	2,36,100/-	06 Months
5	Providing Compound wall / Barbed wire fencing to vacant land at Nagasandra Dasanapura, Honnasandra, Gowdahalli, Kuduregere and Huncharahalli, Benglauru North Taluk.	172.26	2,59,000/-	06 Months
6	Providing Barbed wire fencing at BMTC Vacant land at Mandur, Kittanagur, Khajisonnahalli, Gundur, Huncharahalli, Bande-bommasandra, HRBR Ist Block, Hirandahalli and Kodigehalli, Benglauru	115.31	1,73,000/-	06 Months
7	Providing Barbed wire fencing at BMTC Vacant land at Madugirihalli, Bagalur and Sathnoor, Benglauru North Taluk	74.74	1,50,000/-	06 Months
8	Construction of Staff Quarters at Shanthinagar, Bengaluru.	478.11	7,17,200 /-.	09 Months
9	Construction of Regional Drivers Training Center in Bidadi Industrial Area, Ramanagara Dist, Bengaluru.	750.21	11,26,000 /-.	09 Months

(for Sl.No. 1 to 8) (1) Last date of receipt of tender: **01.03.2024.** Date of opening of tender: **04.03.2024 (for Sl.No.9)** Last date of receipt of tender: **16.03.2024.** Date of opening of tender: **19.03.2024 (2)** Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC

INBRIEF

Dangal child star Suhani Bhatnagar dies at 19

Suhani Bhatnagar, who played the young Babita Phogat in the Aamir Khan-starrer wrestling drama *Dangal*, has died at the age of 19. "She died at AIIMS yesterday," a close relative of the actor told PTI, confirming her death. The relative did not elaborate on what led to the young actor's death but media reports suggested she suffered medical complications after a leg fracture and was later admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. "Suhani, you will always remain a star in our hearts. May you rest in peace," Aamir Khan Productions said in a post on X. The film's director, Nitesh Tiwari, also mourned the death. PTI

VHP moves Calcutta HC over lioness being named Sita

The Bengal unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has moved a writ petition in the Jalpaiguri circuit of the Calcutta High Court challenging the Forest Department's move to name a lioness, brought to the Siliguri Safari Park, Sita. The organisation claimed that such an act is sacrilegious, blasphemous and hurts the religious sentiments of Hindus. The writ petition also highlighted that while the lioness was named Sita, a lion which was brought along with it was named Akbar. The plea objected to the "lewd manner" in which the same was represented in the media in Bengal.

Trinamool Congress leader arrested in Sandeshkhali

Amid allegations of sexual assault by women in Sandeshkhali, the West Bengal police have added charges of gang rape and attempt to murder against Trinamool Congress leaders Shiboprasad Hazra and Uttam Sardar. The fresh charges have been added on the basis of deposition by a survivor before the Magistrate under Section 164 of CrPC. On Saturday evening, the police arrested Mr. Hazra. The court remanded him to judicial custody for 10 days. This is the first time that a formal complaint of this nature has been registered. On February 14, the West Bengal police tweeted that "no allegations about the rape of women have so far been received".

India sends assistance to cholera-hit Zambia

India on Saturday sent medical and material assistance to Zambia as the southern African country deals with a deadly cholera outbreak. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar took to social media to announce the aid consisting of 3.5 tonnes of water purification supplies, chlorine tablets and ORS sachets handed over by the Indian High Commissioner in Zambian capital Lusaka Ashok Kumar. Zambia has been asking for more medical help to deal with the situation that has been described as a "cholera emergency". According to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the outbreak began in the Zambian capital region and by early January 2024 had killed around 333 people.

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IAF showcases its weapons arsenal, firepower at Pokhran

Dinakar Peri
POKHRAN

The Pokhran range near Jaisalmer in Rajasthan reverberated with thunderous explosions and applause as the latest platforms of the Indian Air Force (IAF) – the Rafale jet, the Apache attack helicopter, and the indigenous Prachand light combat helicopter – along with legacy platforms, demonstrated their capability and firepower at the Vayu Shakti exercise on Saturday.

"During the display, approximately 50 tonnes of ordnance was dropped in a short span of two hours over an area of two square km. The event truly showcased IAFs offensive lethality and precision targeting capability," the IAF said in a statement. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan was the chief guest.

The event began after 5 p.m. with three Chetak helicopters trooping the National Flag and the Air Force ensign, flying past the grandstand with the National Anthem playing in the background. This was followed by a sonic boom created by a Rafale aircraft. Two Jaguar aircraft flying at low levels followed the Rafale, taking high fidelity reconnaissance images of the area. The demonstration was carried out in light, dusk, and night conditions with simulations.

A Rafale fighter engaged an aerial target with the MICA multi-mission air-to-air missiles, while the indigenous Light combat Aircraft fired the Russian R-73

The IAF displays its full spectrum of combat and fire capabilities during Vayu Shakti, 2024 on Saturday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missile. In February 2019, Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman shot down a Pakistani F16 jet with an R-73 fired from his Mig-21 before he was shot down and ejected in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The Apaches fired Hellfire missiles and rockets while Prachand fired rockets.

This year, the exercise saw participation by 121 aircraft. Over two hours, the IAF showcased its capability to deliver weapons with long range, precision capability as well as conventional weapons, on target, while operating from multiple air bases. A couple of the targets were missed, which officials said would have worked in the case of a real target as the proximity fuse would ignite destroying the target.

The Apache attack helicopter demonstrated its firepower in this event for the first time, engaging targets with Hellfire air-to-ground guided missiles, while Mi-17 helicopters engaged ground targets with rockets. In another first, Chinook helicopters demonstrated rapid deployment of combat assets by airlifting the Army's M-777 Ultra-Light Howitzers in an underslung mode, which later destroyed simulated enemy targets on the ground.

Combat support operations by transport aircraft included a "containerised delivery system" drop by a C-17 heavy-lift aircraft, and an assault landing by a C-130J carrying IAF Special Forces, Garuds.

In joint operations of the Army and the IAF, weaponised versions of Advanced Light Helicopters Mk-IV destroyed simulated enemy targets with rockets and guns. Special operations by the IAF transport and helicopter fleets, involving Garuds and Indian Army elements, were also on display.

Garuds inserted by Mi-17 helicopters carried out an "urban intervention" in anti-terror, insurgency operations aimed at clearing hideouts of terrorists. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles carried out a bomb damage assessment of all targets, which was live-streamed to the operations centre and the audience.

Jnanpith for Gulzar, Sanskrit scholar Rambhadracharya

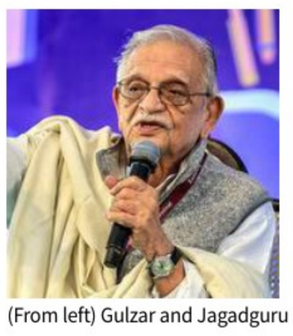
Gulzar is considered one of the finest Urdu poets of his generation; Rambhadracharya is a Hindu spiritual leader, educator, and writer of more than 240 books and texts, including four epics

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Celebrated Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya have been selected for the 58th Jnanpith Award, considered by many to be the country's highest literary honour.

Sampooran Singh Kalra, popularly known as Gulzar, is considered one of the finest Urdu poets of his generation. He is also known for his work in Hindi cinema. Rambhadracharya is a renowned Hindu spiritual leader, educator and writer of more than 240 books and texts, including four epics. He is the founder and head of Tulsi Peeth at Chitrakoot in Madhya Pradesh.

"It has been decided to give the award (for 2023) to eminent writers from two



(From left) Gulzar and Jagadguru Rambhadracharya. PTI/ANI

languages: Sanskrit litterateur Jagadguru Rambhadracharya and well-known Urdu litterateur Shri Gulzar," the Jnanpith selection committee said in a statement.

The Jnanpith Award is presented by the Bharatiya Jnanpith, which was established in 1944.

The award carries a cash component of ₹11 lakh, a statue of Vagdevi, and a citation. It is the second time that the award is being given for Sanskrit and the fifth time for Urdu.

Gulzar, born in 1934, received the Sahitya Akademi Award for Urdu in 2002, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2013, and the Padma Bhushan in 2004. He has also won five National Film Awards.

He penned the lyrics for the song *Jai Ho* from the film *Slumdog Millionaire* that received an Oscar in 2009 and a Grammy in 2010.

He is known for his work in *Maachhis*, *Omkara*, *Dil Se*, *Guru*, and *Aandhi*. Gulzar has also directed classics such as *Koshish*, *Parichay*, *Mausam*, and *Ijaazat*, as well as the television serial *Mirza Ghalib*.

The Bharatiya Jnanpith, in a statement, said: "Gulzar has been setting new milestones in the field of literature. In poetry, he invented a new genre 'Triveni' which is a non-*mukaffa* poem of three lines. Gulzar has always created something new through his poetry. For some time now he has also been paying serious attention to children's poetry".

Rambhadracharya, a polyglot who speaks 22 languages, is one of the four Jagadguru Ramanandacharyas of the Ramananda sect and has been holding this position since 1982. A poet and writer in several languages, he received the Padma Vibhushan in 2015.

Farmers ask Centre to bring Ordinance on MSP legal guarantee

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

On the eve of the crucial meeting with the Centre, protesting farmers from Punjab, camping at different locations along the boundary with Haryana, on Saturday asked the Union government to bring an Ordinance for a legal guarantee to Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops.

At Shambhu, addressing a press conference, Sarwan Singh Pandher of the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) said the government should immediately issue the Ordinance if it wanted to resolve the farmers' protest. Noting that the government currently offered MSP for 23 crops based on the "A2 plus FL" formula, Mr. Pandher suggested that it can bring an Ordinance for the same formula and then continue deliberations on providing MSP based on the "C2+50%" formula.

The KMM and the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) – the two umbrella bodies of around 200 farmers and farm labourer unions – had given a call for a "Delhi Chalo" march to press for the fulfilment of their demands.

On the fifth day of their protest march, the farmers remained at the Shambhu and Khanauri areas.

Members of the BKU (Ugrahan) sat on dharna outside the residences of BJP Punjab president Sunil Jakhar, former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and senior party leader Kewal Dhillon.

In Haryana, farmers associated with the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni) took out a tractor march to extend support to the protesting farmers. A *mahapanchayat* will be held on February 18 at Kurukshetra to devise a strategy for extending support to the protesting farmers, Gurnam Singh Charuni said.

Joblessness rising in country with education levels: study

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NEW DELHI

A conscious effort to identify and promote the labour-intensive manufacturing sector will help in accomplishing inclusive growth, it says

The country's economy is witnessing a stagnating employment growth rate, weakening employment elasticity, slow structural transformation, and brewing structural problems in the labour market such as low female labour force participation and a rise in the unemployment rate (UR) with education levels, according to a study by D. Tripati Rao of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow.

Prepared in collaboration with researchers from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani and the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the study points to a surge in output growth and employment from 1987-88 to 2004-05, followed by "jobless growth" from 2004-05 to 2018-19 and a subsequent trifling rebound thereafter.

In an academic paper based on the study published in the *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, the researchers prescribed that a conscious effort to identify and promote the labour-intensive manufacturing sector will help in accomplishing inclusive growth. The researchers analysed data from the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) Employment and Unemployment Survey and the Periodic Labour Force Survey Dashboard for the study.

They found that the agricultural sector, though employing the most youth, contributed low value addition to the overall economy, resulting in significant employment challenges. "Apparently, economic growth, rather than creating more jobs, has resulted in net labour displacement. Alongside the number of jobs created, it is equally important to examine the quality and decency of jobs, as there is a strong linkage between productivity and job decency," Prof. Rao said.

The study also points to gender disparity in the labour market and a growing level of unemployment for the highly educated youth than the less educated. In 2020-21, the total labour force in India stood at an estimated 556.1 million. "Out of this total, 292.2 million (54.9%) were self-employed, 121.1 million (22.8%) were in regular employment and an estimated 118.6 million (22.3%) were in casual employment. The number of unemployed people declined from 26.4 million in 2019-20 to 24.3 million in 2020-21 in India, while an additional 119 million people were not added to the potential labour force during the same," the study said.

"The overall female Work Force Participation Rate (WFPR) for those aged 15-59 in 2020-21 stood at 32.46%, a full 44.55 percentage points below that of men. Further, the total percentage of male WFPR (81.10%) in the same year for aged 15-59 years is more than twice the rate for female adults (33.79%)," the study said.

Education level

The study said the UR rises with education level. "The UR for the illiterate and less educated class (below primary) was 0.57% and 1.13% respectively while, for the highly educated class (graduates and above), it was 14.73% in 2020-21 for the age group '15-29 years'. This pattern follows across the years," the report said. It said that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, public work projects, and poverty alleviation measures have a favourable influence on the lives and livelihoods of rural people.

Batting for Kashmir willow: Sachin visits cricket gear factory

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar visited a bat-manufacturing unit in Pulwama district of south Kashmir on Saturday.

On a personal trip to Kashmir, the former cricketer, along with his wife Anjali and daughter Sara, went to MJ Sports in the district.

Mr. Tendulkar took keen interest in the process adopted by the local unit to make bats. He inspected the raw clefts undergoing seasoning ahead of the final process. He also took part in bat knocking to check the quality of seasoned cleft. He was briefed by the manufacturers about the bat industry of Kashmir. The cricketer was seen interacting with local people and posing for selfies, besides savouring local tea.

"The images of the legendary cricketer with manufacturers and the bats have already become a landmark for the Kashmir bat industry," Nazir Khan, a manufacturer, said.

Sir Walter R. Lawrence, Settlement Commissioner of Kashmir, and J.C. Mac Donell, the first chief of the Forest Department of J&K, introduced the English willow in Kashmir in the 19th

Sachin Tendulkar signs a bat during his visit on Saturday. ANI

Century. Kashmir's bat industry has already crossed ₹1,300 crore, with supplies being made to all major cities. Around 1.5 million bats are manufactured in Kashmir annually, according to official figures.

"Master Blaster, the god of cricket, Sachin Tendulkar blessed cricket bat factory, Chersoo, Awantipora, Pulwama, with a visit. Golden day for Kashmir willow bats," Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama, posted on X.

Mr. Tendulkar also pitched for the upcoming Khelo India Winter games, starting in Gulmarg on February 20. "I would suggest that you enjoy sports, be yourself. Try and play as fiercely as possible so that those memories stay with you. Sports is something which teaches a lot in life," Mr. Tendulkar said.

MHA extends Internet ban in Punjab till February 24

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Central government on Saturday extended the suspension of Internet services till February 24 in the jurisdiction of 20 police stations of Punjab in the wake of the ongoing farmers' agitation. The curb comes a day ahead of the third round of meetings of the protesting farm leaders with three Union Ministers.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on February 10 and February 12 invoked its powers under the British-era Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, to block Internet services in the seven districts of Punjab.

On Saturday, MHA issued fresh orders extending the temporary suspension from 12 a.m. Saturday to 12 a.m. February 24 in the "interest of maintaining public safety and averting public emergency". The orders were issued under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, framed under the Indian Telegraph Act.

Though law and order are a State subject, MHA for the first time used the power under the 1885 Act outside of the national capital.

Smoking leaves a lasting adverse impact on immune responses

The Hindu Bureau

Smoking has a lasting effect on specific human immune responses, persisting long after quitting, reports a paper in Nature this week. The study, which investigates a range of factors that might contribute to variability in immune responses, also identifies body mass index (BMI) and latent infections of cytomegalovirus (a common virus) as having a substantial influence on immune responses. The findings offer insights into the factors that potentially underlie the risk of developing infections and other immune related illnesses such as cancer or auto-immune disease.

There is wide variability in the way humans respond to immune challenges, such as bacterial or viral infections, as seen with the diverse range of clinical outcomes observed after infection with SARS-CoV-2. Age, sex and genetic factors play a major role in this variability, but modifiable environmental factors, such as lifestyle, may also contribute. Understanding how such variables affect immune responses could improve the design of treatments and vaccines.

Darragh Duffy from the Institut Pasteur, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France and others investigated the effects of 136 environmental factors on variability of immune responses in 1,000 individuals. Among the environmental factors studied, smoking was shown to have the greatest influence on immune responses. It affected both innate and adaptive immunity – the former is a general response whereas the latter is more specialized and pathogen-specific. While the effects on innate responses (such as increased inflammatory responses) were transient and lost after smoking cessation, the effects on the adaptive response persist for many years after quitting, altering the levels of cytokines released upon infection or other immune challenges. "The results collectively show a short-term effect of smoking on innate immune responses, and a long-term effect of smoking on adaptive immune responses," they write.

"Our study identifies a strong link between these previously proposed disease biomarkers and response to immune challenges in smokers versus non-smokers. Furthermore, our findings in healthy donors open avenues for further exploration into understanding how smoking acts as a risk factor for cancers beyond the lungs," they write. BMI and cytomegalovirus are also found to have noteworthy effects on cytokine secretion, but the variance associated with smoking reaches levels equivalent to those linked to factors that cannot be changed.

Nearly 50% of pregnancies in India are high-risk

Prevalence of high-risk pregnancies was highest in Meghalaya (67.8%), Manipur (66.7%), Mizoram (62.5%) and Telangana (60.3%), while lowest in Sikkim (33.3%), Odisha (37.3%) and Chhattisgarh (38.1%)

R. Prasad

A study that analysed the data of nearly 24,000 pregnant women in India has found the prevalence of high-risk pregnancies to be high at 49.4%. About 33% of pregnant women had a single high-risk factor, while 16% had multiple high-risk factors. Northeastern States of Meghalaya (67.8%), Manipur (66.7%) and Mizoram (62.5%) and the southern State of Telangana (60.3%) had the highest prevalence of high-risk factors in India, while Sikkim (33.3%), Odisha (37.3%) and Chhattisgarh (38.1%) had the lowest prevalence of high-risk pregnancies. With 33%, women in Meghalaya had the highest frequency of multiple high-risk factors followed by Manipur, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, as per a study published recently in the *Journal of Global Health* by researchers from the ICMR's National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health (NIRRCH) in Mumbai.

The study used the nationally representative cross-sectional household survey data of the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-2021). The researchers used the unit-level data from the Demographic Health Surveys (DHS) programme. Data from around 28,400 currently pregnant women aged 15-49 years were extracted. Of these, 23,853 women who were pregnant at the time of the survey were included in the analyses. While 12,183 (50.6%) of pregnant women had no high-risk factors, 11,670 (49.4%) of pregnant women had one or more high-risk factors and were categorised as high-risk pregnancies.

The study found that pregnant women from vulnerable populations such as poor women and those who had no education had the possibility of having one or more risk factors for pregnancy. The leading high-risk factors were: short-birth spacing (the time interval between the last birth to the time of current conception being less than 18 months), adverse birth outcomes such as miscarriage, abortion, or stillbirth, and finally women whose most recent delivery was a caesarean section.Maternal risk factors included the age of the mother – adolescent women aged 15 to 17 years and women older than 35 years – pregnant women who are short (height below 140 cm), and have a higher body mass index of over 30. Additionally, the gestational weight gains up to 7-11 kg for overweight women and 5-9 kg for obese women were considered high-risk pregnancies.

Causes for high-risk pregnancies

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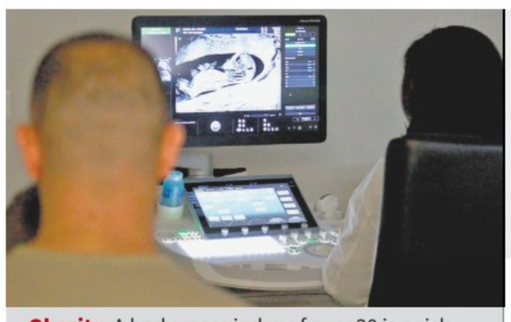

Obesity: A body mass index of over 30 is a risk factor for pregnancy. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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- Adolescent pregnancy and pregnancy when older than 35 years, being short (height below 140 cm), and a BMI of over 30 are risk factors for pregnancy
- Short birth spacing (less than 18 months between previous birth and current conception) was observed in 31% of pregnant women, followed by 19.5% of women with a history of adverse birth outcomes
- Risk factor arising from adolescent pregnancies was highest in Tripura (10.3%), while short birth spacing was highest in Andhra Pradesh (48.1%)
- Short birth spacing was the primary reason for high prevalence of high-risk pregnancies
- Short birth spacing was mainly due to non-usage of contraception to delay pregnancy

'Risk factors'

Lifestyle risk factors included tobacco use and alcohol consumption, while previous birth outcome risks included pregnant women with more than five children, women with short birth spacing and long birth intervals of over 59 months. Also, women with a history of preterm deliveries, miscarriages, abortions, or stillbirths were included under the category of previous birth outcome risk factor.

Short birth spacing of less than 18 months between previous birth and current conception was observed in 31% of pregnant women, followed by 19.5% of women with a history of adverse birth outcomes – either miscarriage, abortion, or stillbirth.

Women who had recently delivered through caesarean sections were found in 16.4%. Other high-risk factors were women having longer spacing (15.8%), history of preterm delivery (14.1%) and comorbidities (6.4%).

Risk factor arising from adolescent pregnancies was highest in Tripura (10.3%), while advanced maternal age of over 35 years risk factor was most seen in Ladakh (14.3%), short stature (height below 140 cm) was highest in Puducherry (4.8%), and BMI over 30 was seen in Goa (17.4%). Women with more than

Women with more than five children (higher birth order) were seen in Meghalaya (10.7%), whereas short birth spacing of less than 18 months was highest in Andhra Pradesh (48.1%), and caesarean delivery was highest in Ladakh and Puducherry (50% each). Women in Chandigarh had the highest adverse birth outcomes (40%) as well as preterm births (37.5%).

"The short birth spacing was the primary factor contributing to the high prevalence of high-risk pregnancies across the country. The major problem of short birth spacing was that half of the Indian women were not using contraception to delay their next pregnancy," the authors write. "The under five-mortality rate for shorter birth intervals was reported to be twice as high as the rate for birth intervals of three or more years."

According to the study, high-risk factors were more commonly seen during the third trimester (51%) than in the first (48.8%) and second trimester (48.6%).

The proportion of multiple high risks was higher among women with no educational category (22.5%) compared with educated women.

How various coffee varieties differ in taste

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE
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How did the word coffee come about? Coffee came from Ethiopia, where they called it *qahve*. Late Dr K.T. Achaya, in his book 'A Historical Dictionary of Indian Food' (Oxford University Press, 1998) mentioned that coffee seeds were brought to India by Arab traders for use by the gentry. Arabs introduced coffee plantations in South India and Sri Lanka. And a Sufi, Baba Budan, grew coffee plants around Chikamagaluru, Karnataka. Starting in 1830, British pioneers planted coffee estates in two varieties of coffee plants – Coffee arabica at high altitudes, and Coffee robusta in lower reaches. (Arabica, because Arab traders traded *qahve* to Europe; Robusta, as this variety from West Africa is more resistant to disease). As I had mentioned in my earlier articles on coffee (December 8, 2019, and May 28, 2023, on South Indian filter coffee), coffee is a healthy drink particularly when mixed with hot milk. Many Americans drink black coffee with no added milk.

In the city called Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu, the residents who are fond of coffee, call their coffee Kumbakonam Degree Coffee. They claim that this is unmatched by any other rival in taste. They further say that this coffee is pure Arabica, and not mixed with chicory, which is usual when we buy coffee beans or powder in department stores and coffee shops. Likewise, the Coffee shop in Secunderabad from where I buy my coffee, offers pure Arabica, as well as Arabica mixed with chicory for those who want it that way.

Diverse palate: Coffee seeds were brought to India by Arab traders. GETTY IMAGES

What then is chicory? It too is a variety of coffee, and India is the third largest producer of chicory. In our country, it is grown in the Far Eastern states (Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim). While some claim that chicory might be nutritionally better than Arabica, due to its lower content of caffeine. This molecule stimulates the central nervous system, but there is no conclusive evidence for it.

Andhra Pradesh is famous for its special coffee grown in the hilly region of Araku Valley, which they claim is the best coffee not only in India but also abroad. It is pure Arabica. Very good Arabica is also grown around the Shevaroy hills of Tamil Nadu and the Manjarabad Fort, Karnataka. Many youngsters in big cities across India buy and drink Starbucks coffee, and also at Café Coffee Day. Starbucks uses pure Arabica alone, while it is not clear whether Café Coffee Day uses pure Arabica or a mixture.

Better brews

Why is this fuss about these various major varieties of coffee?

The answer comes from a recent genetic study of coffee beans, by the Italian geneticist Dr Michele Morgante, who published a paper in January 2024 in *Nature Communications* that several cultivated Arabica coffees can offer better brews. *The Hindu* briefly mentioned this on its science page on January 27, 2024, and *BBC News* writes that these genetic changes promise better brews. It is thus time for Indian geneticists to sequence Indian coffees.

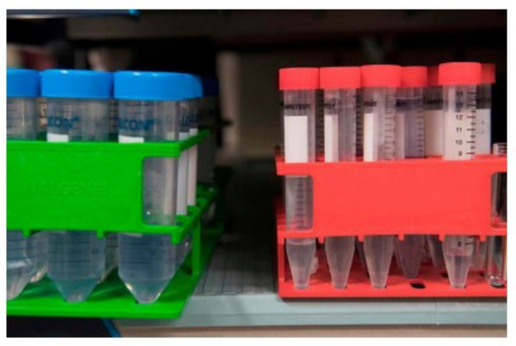
SNAPSHOTS

Why zebras go first in grazing succession in the Serengeti

Researchers have finally unravelled a longstanding question on why Serengeti zebra, wildebeest, and gazelle, which share limited food resources, follow the same migratory routes, in a body size dependent way. The researchers used novel data to show how a balance of species interactions and ecological factors regulate this process. They say competition pushes zebra ahead of wildebeest, and wildebeest then eats plants in a way that facilitates the development of newer growth for the trailing gazelle.

Transplants of lung stem cells for COPD show promise

A trial involving 28 patients with various stages of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease has found that autologous transplants of a type of stem cell derived from the lungs are safe in humans and show signs of being able to improve lung damage. The cell transplants improved the lung's ability to exchange gases and boosted the patients' performance during walking tests. Patients who received the therapy displayed improvements in the gas transfer capacity of their lungs 24 weeks after the transplants.



T cells hold hope against refractory multiple myeloma

Scientists have engineered a new variant of cancer-fighting T cells that can suppress multiple myeloma tumours in mice while showing superior persistence and endurance compared with standard CAR T cell designs. The new cells' promising effects and durability suggest they could grant badly needed treatment options to patients with refractory or relapsed multiple myeloma. Multiple myeloma is the second most common type of blood cancer in adults.

Question Corner

Virus-eating cells

Does the fluid-filled sac around the lungs function merely as a cushion from external damage?

It was long thought that the fluid-filled sac around our lungs function merely as a cushion from external damage. Turns out, it also houses potent virus-eating cells that rush into the lungs during flu infections. These cells are macrophages, which are immune cells produced in the body, and go into the lungs when there's an infection. Using a laser-based technique, researchers tracked macrophages going into the lungs of mice and found that the disease became worse with more lung inflammation when the macrophages were removed from the mouse. Once the protein signals have been identified, it may be possible to create drugs that boost either the number of macrophages or their activity. The results show that macrophages are recruited to the lung during a influenza A virus infection and contribute to recovery. The researchers have been able to identify the source of lung macrophages independent of monocyte recruitment and local proliferation.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why did the SC invalidate electoral bonds?

What were the changes made in existing laws to allow the donor to maintain anonymity?

K. Venkataramanan

The story so far:

The Supreme Court has declared the Electoral Bonds Scheme as unconstitutional. Donor anonymity was the main feature of the scheme, which has been criticised for long by transparency activists. These bonds constituted an important means of funding political parties since 2018. The court found that the scheme violated the citizens' right to information about the sources of finances raised by political parties. It directed the full disclosure of all details of contributors, recipient parties and denominations.

What was the scheme?

An electoral bond is in the nature of a promissory note which shall be a bearer banking instrument that does not carry the name of the buyer or payee. Any citizen or company could buy these bonds in denominations of ₹1,000, ₹10,000, ₹1 lakh, ₹10 lakh, and ₹1 crore and donate it to a political party. It can be encashed only through a bank account with an authorised bank. The State Bank of India was the bank authorised to issue and encash these bonds.

What changes were made for the scheme?

Section 13A of the Income Tax Act earlier said political parties must maintain a record of contributions above ₹20,000. The Finance Act 2017 amended this to make an exception for contributions through electoral bonds. As a result, parties were not required to maintain any record of what they received through the bonds.

'The Electoral Bond Scheme, to the extent that it infringes on the right to information by anonymising contributions through bonds, violates Article 19(1)(a)'

Section 29C of the Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1951, earlier said parties should prepare a report on contributions in excess of ₹20,000 from any person or company in a financial year. This was amended in 2017 to the effect that contributions through electoral bonds need not be included in the report. Under Section 182(3) of the Companies Act, companies were required to disclose details of contributions to a political party, including the amount and the party's name, in its profit-and-loss account. However, after the amendment, it was only required to reveal the total amount given to parties in a financial year.

How did the government defend it in court?

The government's main points in defence of the scheme was that it allowed any person to transfer funds to political parties of their choice through legitimate banking channels and helped prevent unregulated contributions through cash. The confidentiality assured to the donors is beneficial to them as it promotes contribution and clean money to political parties. The use of banking channels will curb the role of black money in election funding and anonymity ensures that the donors do not fear retribution or coercion from parties to which they have not contributed. In an interesting argument, the government claimed that citizens did not have a general right to know the funding of political parties. The right to know was not general in nature, but one evolved by courts for the specific purpose of enabling the voter's choice of electing clean candidates.

What did the SC rule?

In past judgments, the apex court has held that voters have a right to information that is essential for them to exercise their freedom to vote. The court, therefore, held that information about funding to a political party is essential for a voter to express the freedom to vote in an effective manner. The Electoral Bond Scheme, to the extent that it infringes on this right to information by anonymising contributions through bonds, violates Article 19(1)(a), which pertains to freedom of expression.

As far as the purpose of curbing black money was concerned, the court applied a proportionality test, viz., whether the abridging of the voters' right to know through donor anonymity was achieved through the least restrictive means. It said alternatives such as funding through electronic transfer (for small contributions) and donations to an Electoral Trust (for larger amounts) were available. As the government was unable to establish that the scheme is the least restrictive means to balance the right of "informational privacy" to contributors and the right to information on political contributions, the amendments to IT Act and RPA were unconstitutional.

On the changes to the Companies Act, it ruled that the deletion of the disclosure requirement on details of contributions violated the voter's right to information. Also, the scheme allowed both profit-making and loss-making companies to make political contributions. Earlier, companies could only donate a percentage of their net profit. As the harm in the form of quid pro quo is much higher in the case of loss-making companies, the amendment was ruled manifestly arbitrary.

Is Russia testing a new anti-satellite weapon?

What would be its use? Won't it violate the provisions of the Outer Space Treaty? What kind of damage can it cause? Do Russia and the U.S. have ASAT capabilities? Why do theories about it also include the nuclear question?

Vasudevan Mukunth

The story so far:

On February 14, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, Mike Turner, called the media's attention to "information concerning a serious national security threat" and urged President Joe Biden to declassify it so more experts could be recruited to mitigate the danger it allegedly posed. A flurry of news reports followed, quoting various sources and referring to some kind of Russian space-based weapon.

What do we know about the 'weapon'?

On February 15, a day after Mr. Turner's statement, U.S. National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby confirmed the claims referred to a space-based "anti-satellite weapon" of Russian provenance. Mr. Kirby also said Russia hadn't yet deployed the 'capability' in question – meaning the object wasn't yet in orbit – and that it would violate the Outer Space Treaty (OST), a multilateral agreement that prohibits the placement of weapons of mass destruction in earth's orbit. By this time, some news reports had also quoted anonymous sources saying that the Russian capability was either nuclear in nature or that the satellite bearing the capability would be nuclear-powered. Mr. Kirby's statements didn't directly address these concerns. However, since he said the capability would violate the OST, the nuclear concern isn't out of the question yet. (The OST is against nuclear weapons in space, not nuclear-powered satellites.)

On February 16, President Biden confirmed Mr. Turner had referred "to a new Russian nuclear anti-satellite capability" and added there were no indications what Russia had decided to do with it. However, the White House has refused to declassify information about it.

'President Biden says there are no indications what Russia has decided to do with a 'new nuclear anti-satellite weapon'

On high alert: House Intelligence Chair Mike Turner speaks with presspersons on Capitol Hill on February 15 in Washington. AP

What are anti-satellite weapons?

Anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons are designed to debilitate and/or destroy satellites that are already in orbit and operational. ASAT weapons violate the OST through the latter's Article VII, which holds parties to the treaty liable for damaging satellites belonging to other parties, and Article IX, which asks parties to refrain from the "harmful contamination" of space.

Russia, in the form of the erstwhile Soviet Union, has had ASAT capabilities since at least 1968. While the Cold War motivated ASAT weapon tests on either side of the Atlantic, the respective programmes refused to dwindle once relations thawed. Most of these weapons are kinetic, meaning they destroy satellites in orbit by rocketing into them or detonating an explosive near them, and blowing them to pieces. Because of the low gravity and lack of an atmosphere, the resulting debris can stay in orbit for a long time depending on their size. This result violates Article IX of the OST.

Are there space-based nuclear weapons?

In a high-altitude test in 1962 called Starfish Prime, the U.S. detonated a thermonuclear bomb 400 km above ground. It remains the largest nuclear test conducted in space. A Thor rocket launched the warhead to a point west of Hawaii, where its detonation had a yield of 1.4 megatonnes. More importantly, it set off an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) much larger than physicists had expected, damaging a few hundred street-lights in Hawaii, 1,500 km away. The charged particles and radiation emitted by the blast became ensnared in and accelerated by the earth's magnetic field, distorting the ionosphere and resulting in bright aurorae.

Starfish Prime was part of the U.S.'s high-altitude nuclear tests in 1962. The Soviet Union also conducted such tests around then with similar effects. For example, Test 184 on October 22, 1962, detonated a 300-kilotonne warhead 290 km above ground. The resulting EMP induced a very high current in more than 500 km of electric cables and eventually triggered a fire that burned down a power plant.

How will a nuclear weapon affect satellites?

The principal threats to other satellites from a space-based nuclear weapon are the EMP and the release of charged particles.

Starfish Prime itself temporarily knocked out roughly a third of all satellites in orbit at the time – and illustrates a failing relevant to the current context. An EMP from a nuclear weapon in space will affect all satellites around the point of detonation, including Russian satellites, those of its strategic allies (such as China), and of countries not involved in a particular conflict. It would also grossly violate the OST. Depending on the strength, location, and directedness of the explosion, it could also blow a large number of satellites to pieces, more than what a 'conventional' kinetic ASAT weapon might.

Scott Tilley, an amateur radio operator with a name for tracking down 'lost' satellites, wrote on X that "the damage is not immediate to most [satellites] but rather caused by new and intensified radiation belts". (However, researchers have been working on tamping down disturbances caused by space-based nuclear explosions in radiation belts around the earth through a process called radiation-belt remediation). Eventually, the result is more dud satellites and debris, raising concerns of the Kessler effect: when there is a certain level of debris in low-earth orbit, collisions among themselves as well as with other satellites could produce more debris, leading to a "collisional cascade" that rapidly increases the amount of debris in orbit. There is one more possibility. In 1987, the Soviet Union launched a rocket bearing a high-power laser that could target and destroy other satellites. The launch failed. But Marco Langbroek, a lecturer at Delft Technical University, the Netherlands, raised the possibility of the Russians launching a similar laser powered by a nuclear energy source.

What do the U.S.'s claims imply?

Modern civilisation depends heavily on satellites, which means they can be assets or vulnerabilities. But the inability to target a nuclear weapon in space – at certain satellites over others – mitigates its usefulness. This is why some security researchers have suggested that if the Russian capability is nuclear, it will be a weapon of last resort. Some others have said the 'nuclear' component is likely to be limited to the power source. "That Russia is developing a system powered by a nuclear source... that has electronic warfare capabilities once in orbit is more likely than the theory that Russia is developing a weapon that carries a nuclear explosive warhead," Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association advocacy group, told *Reuters*.

This said, Mr. Turner's comment, which alerted the world to the possibility, provoked sharp reactions in the U.S. His peers in the Republican Party accused him of attempting to drum up support for Ukraine and that he wished to have an "unreformed" version of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act passed, *CNN* reported. After the U.S. had warned its allies in Europe of the potential threat, the Kremlin called the claim a "malicious fabrication" and a ruse to allocate more funds for Ukraine.

Can rheumatoid arthritis be prevented?

Can the disease be delayed by repurposing an existing drug? Can it act as a signalling pathway to start the appropriate immune response? What are the concerns? Where does India stand on treating this autoimmune disease?

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:

Earlier this week, *The Lancet* published the results of a study that proposed to repurpose an existing drug to treat rheumatoid arthritis as prophylaxis, to prevent disease. Can doctors prevent the onset of rheumatic arthritis in people (with indicative biomarkers) who have not yet developed the condition? The results of the study showed that "rheumatoid arthritis prevention trials are feasible and targeting the adaptive immunity of such individuals at an early stage, can prevent the onset of rheumatoid arthritis."

What is rheumatoid arthritis?

It is a chronic, autoimmune condition that mostly affects the joints. Scientists have not yet understood why an autoimmune condition occurs, allowing the immune system that protects the body, to attack itself. A patient experiences pain, swelling of joints and loss of function and mobility as a result of stiffness. As can be expected, this is likely to significantly lower a patient's quality of life. As per the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, of the National Institutes of Health, U.S., rheumatoid arthritis affects the lining of the joints, and damages the tissue that covers the ends of the bones in a joint. It often occurs in a symmetrical pattern, meaning that if one knee or hand has the condition, the other hand or knee is also often affected. Fatigue, occasional fevers, and a loss of appetite are to be expected, and there is a possibility that it may cause medical problems outside of the joints including in the heart, lungs, blood nerves, eyes and skin.

'If we are able to switch off the autoimmune system going errant, then that has great appeal'

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What did the study attempt to do?

Andrew P. Cope et al explain in the paper that the idea was to evaluate the feasibility, efficacy, and acceptability of treating high risk individuals with an existing drug, Abatacept, to treat rheumatoid arthritis.

The drug is a 'co-stimulation modulator' acting as a signalling pathway to start the appropriate immune response.

At the core of their experiment is the understanding that individuals at high risk for rheumatoid arthritis can be identified years before they actually develop the disease, even as early as decades earlier, by detecting autoantibodies associated with rheumatoid arthritis known as Anticitrullinated Peptide antibodies (ACPAs), in the blood.

Although the presence of autoantibodies might precede disease onset by a decade or more, the combination of ACPA with symptoms, and evidence of subclinical synovitis (inflammation of the lining of the joint) by imaging, has increased the predictive power of identifying individuals who are most likely to progress to rheumatoid arthritis within two years. These features have provided a framework for evaluating therapeutic strategies that could delay or prevent disease onset, the authors say.

The results show that rheumatoid arthritis prevention trials are feasible and targeting adaptive immunity at an early stage, with Abatacept, an existing drug for RA, before clinically apparent arthritis is manifest, can prevent the onset of rheumatoid arthritis. The drug of choice is Abatacept, a biological disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug which works by selectively modulating signals to spur T-cell activation, or begin the body's immune response.

What's the Indian scenario with regard to rheumatoid arthritis treatment?

Rohini Handa, eminent rheumatologist at Apollo Indraprastha Hospitals says: "This is a story that has been going on for years – how do we delay the progression of rheumatoid arthritis?" Abatacept, a drug that comes under the classification 'biologicals', he points out, is no longer available in India; it was withdrawn after it did not sell well in the Indian market. But in the last five years, there have been six drugs to treat rheumatoid arthritis. At the moment, worldwide, 10 biologicals are available, and six of them in India. About three years ago, a group of drugs called JAK inhibitors came off patent, and one of those drugs – tofacitinib – is available at ₹900 for a month's supply. It is also an oral drug, as against biologicals that might be intravenous, or a subcutaneous injection, depending on which part of the world one is in, he says. "No biological can compete with this."

Is early prevention of the disease significant?

So far treatment hinges on starting early, Dr. Handa explains. "If someone has a family history, such prevention has intuitive appeal. Autoantibodies come up years before the symptoms appear. If you are able to switch off the autoimmune system going errant, then that definitely has great appeal." However, there are some grey areas in using such preventive methods. "To use drugs for something that will likely happen 20 years from now, you will have to convince someone with a blood abnormality and no physical abnormality to start treatment. What is the end point for this, then? When do we cease treatment?" Dr. Handa asks. The study confirms this apprehension. Pre-disease treatment with Abatacept reduces progression to clinically-apparent arthritis during the 12-month treatment phase, and up to 24 months after stopping treatment. However, by 24 months, the parameters of those who received the drug were similar to those with the placebo group; it was similar between groups, indicating that treatment is not sustained. "We employ a common-sense approach – we tell all patients that smoking is a strong risk factor, and urge them to refrain from smoking, to exercise and eat healthy. These can be implemented on a mass scale, and we should ensure this message gets through," Dr. Handa says.

PROFILES

The 'reformed' General

Prabowo Subianto

The former military leader and Defence Minister, who is likely to become Indonesia's new President, was once accused of human rights abuses, but ran a campaign with a softer image of himself using Instagram and TikTok

Saumya Kalia

The party started almost a year ago. People commented on Instagram that the 72-year-old former military general, in a white hoodie, looked "*ganteng*" and "*gemoy*" – handsome and cute. The general perfected his signature dance moves at election rallies and interviews. The military leader, who was linked to brutality decades ago, is now a cuddly and almost cartoonish figure. His followers call themselves the Gemoy Squad.

Welcome to Prabowo Subianto's dance party; or an invitation to Indonesians to celebrate the 2024 elections – the world's largest one-day electoral exercise. On February 14, preliminary counts pointed to Mr. Subianto's victory in a historic three-way contest. Once confirmed, Mr. Subianto will succeed Joko 'Jokowi' Widodo as Indonesia's next President. Accompanying him as Vice-President is Gibran Rakabuming Raka, Mr. Widodo's son.

The soldier turned statesman two decades ago; so much so that Mr. Subianto is the eternal presidential candidate. For he fought two elections and lost both. His time has come, gone, and come again. But today, he is promoting himself as a new and reformed candidate for President. In 2024, he is no longer a populist but a claimant to Mr. Widodo's legacy. To his supporters, the new Subianto promises political continuity and prosperity. To his critics, Mr. Subianto is a volatile leader, capable of charting a volatile path for Indonesia's democracy.

Mr. Subianto was born into an aristocratic family in Jakarta in 1951. His father, an economist, went into exile upon conflict with the nation's founding President Sukarno. The family shifted from Singapore to London to Kuala Lumpur to Zurich. The young Mr. Subianto spoke in an interview about his early experiences of racism: "Because we were often bullied, often insulted, we became tough." The family returned to Indonesia in the late 1960s, at the beginning of Suharto's autocratic 30-year-long reign. Mr. Subianto would eventually marry Suharto's daughter.

Mr. Subianto has always expressed his love for animals. With humans, "there is betrayal, perfidy and lying", he says. It's easier with animals. "You are loyal to them. They are loyal to you."

Controversial past

A young Mr. Subianto received training from the U.S. military in the 1980s. He rose through the ranks to become commander of the special armed forces. During this period, Mr. Subianto was accused of fomenting anti-Chinese riots and directing the killings of separatists in East Timor, an occupied Indonesian territory at the time. He denied responsibility.

In 1998, Suharto's regime fell at the peak of the Asian financial crisis. Mr. Subianto witnessed a fall of his own: he was dishonourably discharged for his role in human rights abuses, including the disappearance of 23 democracy activists, 13 of whom were never found. He was briefly banned from travelling to the U.S. The allegations have not been proven in court so far.

Mr. Subianto went into a self-imposed exile to Jordan in 2002. With his brother Hashim's financial backing, he started his own party, the Great Indonesian Movement Party (Gerindra). His political role models include Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew and Thailand's Thaksin Shinawatra (also accused of human rights abuses). Mr. Thaksin was a "bit abrasive, divisive", but "got things done and the poor love him", he told *Financial Times*. Also on the list is Jawaharlal Nehru, who "came from a wealthy family but always defended the poor".

An internal intelligence assessment by the CIA in 1983 predicted that the "captain could rise to national leadership". "We believe that President Suharto may eventually look to his son-in-law to succeed him both as national leader and as guardian of the Suharto family fortunes."

Mr. Subianto's presidential aspirations have been 22 years in the making. He ran a populist campaign in 2014 claiming that the system was rotten, leaders corrupt and Indonesia was at risk of becoming a 'failed state'. He alleged electoral fraud when Mr. Widodo won, sparking deadly riots in Jakarta. He lost again in 2019, but was given the defence portfolio in Mr. Widodo's Cabinet.

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However, 2024 was different. Firstly, he went from being a hardline nationalist and Islamist to a loyalist, integrating himself with Indonesia's political elite. Mr. Subianto cast aside his rabble-rouser image to position himself as a *pengabadi*, a "patriot ready to service his people" and a "keen student and follower" of Mr. Widodo's leadership, suggest analysts.

Secondly, Mr. Subianto's popularity drew momentum from Indonesia's young electorate, who make up more than half of the 204 million voters. This is a demographic that has no living memory of Suharto's brutal regime. Spectators note that Mr. Subianto's campaign is designed for a TikTok generation, a "softer" counter-image to his pre-2019 mercurial persona. On Instagram, Mr. Subianto shares pictures of food, vintage family portraits and his cat Bobby. TikTok is flooded with videos of his signature dance moves.

Some worry that with TikTok, Mr. Subianto is revising history, ensuring young voters remain unaware of the alleged human rights abuses. Others, however, suggest young Indonesians are keen to judge the General based on promises of employment rather than the sins of the past. "...everybody at some point has an intention to reform. And now he is different," a 17-year-old told a media outlet.

Chatham House's Ben Bland argued that people's enthusiasm for Mr. Subianto "reflects their conviction that he will uphold Jokowi's positive economic legacy" and a "faith that their democratic institutions can rein in even a strong-willed President".

Fear for the future

But analysts fear that Mr. Subianto's electoral promises of new jobs and social welfare "lack serious reform commitment". He also pledged to protect Indonesia from the influence of foreign powers. "Don't let us be pitted against each other by foreign nations," he said last week. Mr. Subianto recently called for a status quo "rebalancing" where Indonesia learns not from the West, but from countries like China and India.

Activists fear Mr. Subianto's presidency will breathe new life into Suharto's old repressive regime. With Mr. Subianto's candidacy, the election is "an existential moment for the pro-democracy and human rights movement".

An early sign, they argued, is the way Mr. Widodo's government pushed a controversial law allowing his son to be Mr. Subianto's running mate. With Mr. Gibran and an 'institutionalist' such as Mr. Subianto at the helm, incumbent Mr. Widodo would be the first in Indonesia's political history to have played kingmaker.

It is unclear which persona will govern: the nationalist General, the blazing Islamist, or the *gemoy* grandfather. "...most who know him well emphasise his unpredictable personality. And that is never good for governance," scholar Eve Warburton told *BBC*. For now, the "reformed" Subianto promises to "protect all citizens". For now, he promises "joy". The TikTok General will soon be Indonesia's President, at last.

THE GIST

- Since 2014, Prabowo Subianto ran for the President of Indonesia twice but lost on both occasions. He became Defence Minister in 2019 during Joko Widodo's second term.
- During the early political years, Subianto was a hardline nationalist and Islamist. He has now integrated himself with Indonesia's political elite. Widodo's son is his running mate this time around.
- One of the reasons for his success is his appeal among the youth who make up more than half of the country's 204 million voters. His social media outreach played a major role in winning over the young voters

Ukraine's star-crossed partner

Starlink

The Elon Musk-owned broadband Internet service has had a rocky relationship with Kyiv over the lengths to which it will aid the country in its war against Russia

John Xavier

Hours before Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Moscow used a malware to disable routers of Viasat, a U.S.-based satellite company, crippling Ukrainian military's command system, and making it impossible to mount a defence.

Deputy Prime Minister Mykhailo Fedorov frantically reached out to Tesla CEO Elon Musk, via platform X, formerly Twitter.

Mr. Fedorov, in a tweet, requested the tech billionaire to activate his low-Earth orbit (LEO) broadband service, Starlink, in the country. In response, Mr. Musk said: "Starlink service is now active in Ukraine. More terminals en route."

Within a few days, Musk-owned SpaceX began shipping Starlink terminals to Kyiv. The rectangle-shaped receivers have since played a crucial role in assisting Ukraine's armed forces.

But recent reports suggest Kyiv is surreptitiously being outmanoeuvred by Moscow as Russia is allegedly procuring Starlink terminals indirectly from private sellers in Arab countries and using them in occupied Ukraine.

While both Russia and SpaceX have denied reports of buying or selling Starlink terminals to each other, such allegations underscore the rocky relationship between Ukraine and Starlink, a service owned by the world's richest man.

REUTERS

A swarm in space

In 2019, when Mr. Musk launched Starlink, a satellite swarm, his idea was to provide space-based Internet to people in remote parts of the world. Each LEO satellite in the network has a mass of about a quarter tonne, and they are positioned on the geosynchronous equatorial orbit, at about 550 km above the earth, surrounding the equator.

This positioning enables the satellite swarm to transmit data to the terminals located on the ground consistently, and during all weather conditions. The space company plans to deploy a total of 12,000 satellites in the short-term, and possibly increase the constellation size by another 30,000 LEO satellites in the long-term.

As on February 16, 2024, SpaceX has 5,459 Starlink satellites in orbit, out of 5,850 launched, per data maintained by space historian and astrophysicist Jonathan McDowell.

Starlink's constellation delivers high-speed Internet that supports streaming and video calls. Such capabilities, particularly on the battlefield, provide strategic advantage to the military by connecting defence forces to uninterrupted, secure communication channels and helping them deploy state-of-the-art weapon systems.

Ukraine said last year that about 42,000 terminals were being used in the country by the military, hospitals, and aid organisations. The military uses Mr. Musk's satellite Internet to connect drones, coordinate artillery fire systems and attack Russia's positions. Once when Moscow attempted to jam and cut Ukraine's access to the Internet service, SpaceX countered the sabotage effort by tightening its software.

Taking the tab

All this support comes at a cost, which per Mr. Musk's October 2022 estimate is about $20 million a month. He also said his company could not support Ukraine's Starlink needs 'indefinitely' for free.

Mr. Musk's comment on who will foot Ukraine's Starlink bill came at a time when relationship between Kyiv and SpaceX owner was starting to sour as the billionaire's twitter post on urging Ukraine to seek a negotiated solution with Russia and cede Crimea for good brought him the ire of Ukrainians.

Mr. Musk later backtracked and said the company would pay for Starlink service. Eventually, in June 2023, the Pentagon signed a contract with SpaceX to supply Starlink service to Ukraine.

Starlink has played a pivotal role in helping Ukraine mount a strong defence against Russian invasion forces. But Mr. Musk's changing perspective on the war makes it difficult for Kyiv to call it a fully reliable service. Now with Russia allegedly gaining access to the terminals, Ukraine finds itself on the back foot once again.

Chequered Congressman

Ashok Chavan

The former Maharashtra CM's legacy is tainted by the Adarsh Housing Society scam, but his switch from the Congress to the BJP is a victory for the ruling alliance against the erstwhile MVA

Shoumojit Banerjee

In Maharashtra's long season of vertiginous political twists which began in 2019, senior Congressman Ashok Chavan's switch to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was perhaps the least surprising.

Mr. Chavan's putative defection had been in the air ever since rebel Shiv Sena leader and current Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's revolt triggered the fall of the erstwhile Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in mid-2022.

Ashok's father, Congress stalwart Shankarrao Chavan, known by his moniker 'Headmaster', had been a confidante of former Prime Ministers – Indira Gandhi and her son Rajiv.

As the scion of this redoubtable Congressman, the young Ashok cut his teeth at various positions in the party, starting as a student leader in the University of Pune.

He soon became a force to reckon with in the Maharashtra Congress, particularly the Marathwada region and especially the Nanded district, which became a Chavan family fief.

Ashok was first elected to the Nanded Lok Sabha seat in 1987. However, he lost it in the 1989 general election.

Switching his focus to regional politics, Mr. Chavan worked steadily in the post of general secretary of the State Congress from 1995-99, gaining a reputation as a skilful organiser.

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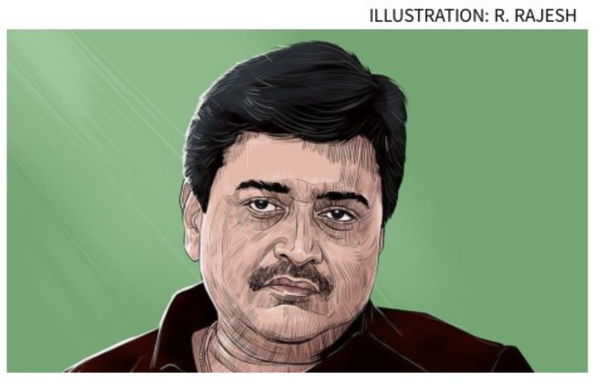

Mr. Chavan's steady rise mirrored that of another Maratha leader from Marathwada – Vilasrao Deshmukh, who would soon be Chief Minister and Mr. Chavan's bitter political rival within the party.

The 26/11 terror attacks of 2008 on Mumbai turned out to be a silver lining in Mr. Chavan's political career: Vilasrao Deshmukh resigned and the Congress high command nominated Mr. Chavan for the top post. Mr. Chavan steered the Congress out of this crucible of fire in the 2009 Assembly election.

Mr. Chavan's second term as Chief Minister was marred by the Adarsh Cooperative Housing Society scam which surfaced in 2010. The accursed Adarsh high-rise tower, with flats meant for widows of defence personnel, became emblematic of high-level corruption by scheming politicians and bureaucrats.

Mr. Chavan's name became the focal point of the probe as the scandal revealed these flats were part of a more significant accumulation of personal wealth by the then Chief Minister and his family, estimating their total worth to be more than ₹2,000 crore. In firefighting mode, the party high command urged Mr. Chavan to resign.

Slew of scandals

Even before Adarsh, scandals have dogged Ashok Chavan. In the early 1990s, he was alleged of nepotism in the allotment of petrol pumps to family members.

Post-Adarsh scam, he was named by the State anti-corruption bureau (ACB) in a case of alleged land grab in Yavatmal in 2011.

There followed a period of enforced political oblivion for Mr. Chavan until the party fielded him from Nanded in the 2014 general election. He proved his mettle by winning the seat.

Mr. Chavan was subsequently made Maharashtra Congress president in 2015. However, his tenure as MPCC chief proved controversial as he was perceived as being 'soft' on the BJP and its leader Devendra Fadnavis.

In the 2019 general election, Mr. Chavan lost the Nanded seat to the BJP and resigned as the MPCC chief. Yet, he managed to salvage pride by winning the Bhokar Assembly seat in the 2019 Assembly election.

He was back in Uddhav Thackeray's Cabinet soon after the formation of the MVA government. However, his differences with present Congress chief Nana Patole only widened schisms within the Congress.

But it is the spectre of the Adarsh scam that has forever rendered Mr. Chavan vulnerable.

Going beyond the improprieties, Shankarrao and Ashokrao Chavan are the only father-son duo in Maharashtra's history to become Chief Ministers.

Small wonder the BJP is jubilant to have snared Ashok Chavan, as he becomes one more former Congress knight in their arsenal to pierce the MVA's cuirass in Maharashtra.

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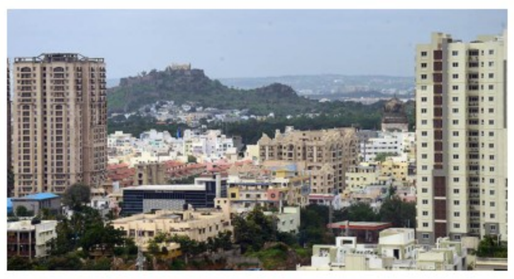

'Hyderabad saw 1% drop in housing registrations in Jan.'

The Hyderabad region has witnessed a 1% annual fall in registrations of residential properties in January to 5,411 units, according to Knight Frank. As many as 5,454 housing units were registered in January 2023 across the Hyderabad residential market, which includes four districts namely Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy and Sangareddy. The data covers transactions of both primary (first sale) and secondary (resale) markets, according to Knight Frank. PTI

Spirit maker Pernod Ricard's India sales rose 4% in H1

French spirit maker Pernod Ricard has reported a 4% growth in sales in the Indian market during the first half of the current financial year. The company, which follows July to June fiscal year, has witnessed a "strong market demand for spirits" in India, as per the latest earnings statement from Pernod Ricard. Moreover, "strong growth" is expected in the second half (January to June 24) from India, which is the second-largest market globally after the U.S. PTI

TARC unveils luxury homes costing over ₹9 cr. to ₹12 cr.

Luxury realty developer TARC Ltd. announced its latest residential real estate project, TARC Kailasa at Patel Road, New Delhi, with a ticket size of more than ₹9 crore to ₹12 crore per apartment. The 1.7 million sq. ft. development will spread over a six-acre land parcel and have 418 units in 3BHK and 4 BHK configuration. There will be five high-rise towers with 35 storeys each and these will come up at a development cost of ₹1,200 crore, the developer said.

Cotton price rise worries mills

Textile mills raise concern over the price of cotton sold by the Cotton Corporation of India, which has gone up to ₹62,000 a candy; mills argue that it is unviable to purchase cotton at the current price and warn they may be at risk of shutting down

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The recent rise in cotton prices in the international market and of cotton sold by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) in the domestic market has become a matter of concern to textile mills, especially small-scale units.

Atul Ganatra, president of the Cotton Association of India, said the current Indian cotton prices were lower than the international prices by almost ₹4,000 a candy and the association expects cotton exports this season to be almost 20 lakh bales.

About 65% of the Indian crop (about 200 lakh bales) have arrived in the market and the domestic demand is "very good".

However, Koti Rao, president of the AP Textile Mills Association, told *The Hindu* on Saturday that the viable price of cotton for the mills should be about ₹58,000 a candy (254 kg). However, the price of cotton sold by the Cotton Corporation of India went up to ₹62,000 a candy.

"A few people have increased the prices when they bid for cotton sold by the Cotton Corporation of India," he alleged.

According to Mr. Rao, there is hardly any sign of revival of the textile industry and if the current situation persists, more textile mills will close down.

N. Pradeep, who runs an MSME mill in Tamil Nadu, said the increase in cotton prices (sold by CCI) by almost ₹3,500 a candy in the last one week poses significant challenges for yarn manufacturers.

"The textile industry is grappling with poor international demand and domestic sales and import of finished garments has intensified competition. It is worth noting that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has rated the textile industry as 'red', further highlighting the severity of the situation. The CCI should reconsider its pricing strategy and ensure that future adjustments are reflective of the current market realities," Mr. Pradeep said.

According to J. Thulasidharan, president of the Indian Cotton Federation, it remains to be seen if the current increase in cotton prices would sustain in the Indian market.

Rising worries

Cotton price in India is lower than in the global market, but textile mills believe prices should be even lower

- Small mills say increase in CCI's cotton prices by almost ₹3,500 a candy in the last one week is a challenge
- They argue the price of cotton should be about ₹58,000 a candy for them to sustain their business
- Cotton producers say it remains to be seen if current price rise will persist going forward in the Indian market

The textile industry is also grappling with poor domestic and foreign sales, and rising competition

Fed signals 'patience' on rate cuts as data deceives

Reuters
WASHINGTON/NEW YORK

A week of disappointing U.S. economic data, including stronger-than-expected inflation and weakening spending, has Federal Reserve policymakers doubling down on their wait-and-see approach to interest rate cuts, but not discouraged.

The latest bad news came in the form of a 0.5% month-on-month surge in January's producer price index excluding food and energy, potentially undoing some of what policymakers call 'remarkable' progress on inflation.

That followed reports showing that consumer prices rose more than expected last month, even as a big drop in retail sales and a slide in factory output amid severe cold in some parts raised questions about economic momentum.

Fed policymakers speaking on Friday took it all in stride, seeing continued if "bumpy" progress toward the 2% goal and continued, if cooling, labour market strength that leaves the economy on track to a soft landing.

"It has not shaken my confidence we are going the right direction," San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank President Mary Daly told economists.

"We will need to resist the temptation to act quickly when patience is needed and be prepared to respond agilely as the economy evolves," Ms. Daly stressed.

Sky One sets up aircraft leasing shop at Gift IFSC

Forum Gandhi
NEW DELHI

Sky One, which has bid for defunct Go First, has set up an aircraft leasing shop at IFSC Gift City. The total net foreign exchange outgo is more than ₹182 crore.

The firm's application was approved by IFSC earlier this week. Sky One is a Sharjah-based aviation solutions company. It started operations in 2008.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Govt. more than doubles authorised capital of FCI to ₹21,000 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government has raised the authorised capital of state-run Food Corporation of India (FCI) to ₹21,000 crore, from ₹10,000 crore, to enhance the operational capabilities and fulfill its mandate effectively, the Food Ministry said on Saturday.

FCI is the government's nodal agency that undertakes procurement of foodgrains at a minimum support price (MSP) to protect the interest of farmers. It also maintains strategic stocks and distributes the grains under different welfare schemes.

"The increase in authorised capital is a significant step towards enhancing the operational capabilities of FCI," the ministry said in a statement.

FCI resorts to cash credit, short-term loan, ways and means etc. to match the gap in the fund requirement. The increase in the authorised capital will reduce the interest burden, decrease the economic cost and ultimately affecting the government subsidy positively, it said.

With this infusion of capital, the FCI should also embark upon modernising its storage facilities, improving transportation networks, and adopting advanced technologies.

These measures are essential not only for reducing post-harvest losses but also for ensuring efficient distribution of food grains to consumers, it added.

The Centre provides equity to the FCI for working capital and for creation of capital assets. The FCI is undertaking a comprehensive initiative to create an integrated IT system.

Bharti realty arm to expand Worldmark Aerocity

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Bharti Real Estate has announced the second phase of expansion of its commercial real-estate project the Worldmark Aerocity, Delhi.

This phase comprising Worldmark 4, 5, 6 and 7 form the commercial precinct with about 3.5 million sq. ft. of gross leasable area (GLA) for modern Grade A offices space and 3 million sq. ft. of retail space.

The phase 1 comprising Worldmark 1, 2, and 3 with 1.3 million sq. ft. of space has already been leased out while the second phase is expected to attract marquee customers, it said.

HVAC industry to grow at 16% CAGR: Daikin India MD Jawa

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Indian heating, ventilation, air-conditioning (HVAC) industry is projected to grow at about 16% year-on-year, reaching $30 billion in size by 2030, an industry executive said.

"The Indian HVAC industry is projected to reach $30 billion by 2030, with a CAGR growth of 15.8% from 2021, fuelled by progressive policies, infrastructure development, and rising disposable income," said K. J. Jawa, CMD, Daikin India at the ACREX India 2024 exhibition of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and intelligent buildings.

He said the government's investments in construction would boost market demand, aligning with the focus on carbon emissions reduction and energy efficiency.

'Smart HVAC'

"The shift towards smart HVAC systems is notable, driven by the rising energy consumption and improving system efficiency. Buyers are prioritising intelligent solutions offering enhanced controls, real-time monitoring, and IoT integration," he added.

According to Yogesh Thakkar, President, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ISHARE), the HVAC segment was observing high growth trajectory through initiatives like the Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) programme.

"With the substantial government investment of $1.45 trillion in infrastructure projects over the next 5 years, we stand on the brink of an era marked by unprecedented advancement," he added.

Advancements in HVAC technology were revolutionising energy efficiency and cost reduction.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

For and on behalf of India, E-Tenders are invited by the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005 for the following work.

Sl. No.	Description	Description
1	Tender Notice Number and date	GEM/2024/B/4637876 dated 15.02.2024
2	Name of work	Outcome Based Mechanized Cleaning, Pest & Rodent Control, Rag Picking, Disinfection, Garbage Collection Segregation and Disposal at Mettupalayam Railway Station for the period of 1096 days.
3	Estimate Value	Rs. 1,27,63,261.98/-
4	Earnest Money	Rs. 2,13,820/-
5	Tender Closing date and Time	07.03.2024 at 11.00 Hrs.
6	Web address	http://www.gem.gov.in

The firms registered in GeM portal are only eligible to participate in this tender. For details of bid submission, please refer website portal **"http://www.gem.gov.in".**

For details about scope of work, approximate value of tender, location and other documents, please refer website portal **"http://www.gem.gov.in".**

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any Corrigendum is issued for any correction; deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit website at "http://www.gem.gov.in".

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **(i) Mr.P.Mohammed Athaulla Khan** S/o late I.Pyaroo Saheb, **(ii) Mr.P.Mubarak Khan** S/o late I.Pyaroo Saheb, **(iii) Mrs.Salma Hayath Khan** W/o late P.Mohammed Hayath Khan and her children **Mr.Arfath Khan.H & Mr.Mohammed Usman Khan.H.**

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.7 PID No.48-9-7, measuring East to West 60ft and North to South 30ft., in all measuring 1800 Sq.ft., situated at 8th Cross, H.Siddaiah Road, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : 8th Cross Road
West by : Property belongs to Mr.Mohammed Wali Ba
North by : Property of Mr.Alijan and brothers
South by : Property of Mr.Abdul Naqi

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ (ಕಬ್ಬನ್) ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **KSHD/2023-24/SE0179** ದಿನಾಂಕ: **16–02–2024**

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ (ಕಬ್ಬನ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್) ದ ತುಂತುರು ನೀರು ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದ್ವಿ–ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕೆಳಸಹಿದಾರರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ (ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ) ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: **ರೂ. 68.35 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.** 2) ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಶುಲ್ಕ: ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕವನ್ನು **e-Procurement Government of Karnataka** ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಪಾವತಿಸುವುದು. 3) ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ: **ರೂ. 1,37,000/– ಗಳನ್ನು e-Procurement Government of Karnataka** ರವರ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಪಡೆದು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. 4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **01–03–2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ.** 5) ಬಿಡ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22–02–2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ರಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆ.** 6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **04–03–2024 ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 7) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06–03–2024 ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ (ಕಬ್ಬನ್) ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಇ/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/3664/ಅಡ್ಮಿನ್/2023–24

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रॉची पूर्व, रॉची

ई0 प्रोक्योरमेन्ट अति–अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना
T. Reference No. :- Shifting 30/2023-24
Date 16.02.2024

1.	Name of Work	Shifting of Existing Water Pipelines coming across different changes of under Construction 4-Lane Road between Ranchi- Purulia Road (Namkum ROB to Angara Section) Under D.W.& S. Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
2	Estimated Cost (LAKH.)	456.35781 Lakh
3	Cost of BOQ (Rs.)	10,000.00 Rs.
4	Bid Security (LAKH)	9.12800 Lakh
5	Time of Completion	180 Days
6	Date of Tender Uploading on Website	26.02.2024/04.00 PM.
	Document Download / Sale Start Date	26.02.2024/04.00 PM.
7	Date of Prebid Meeting	28.02.2024 (Time 12.30 P.M.) in the Office of Regional Chief Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Ranchi Region, Ranchi.
9	Bid Submission Start Date	28.02.2024/04.00 PM.
10	Document Download / Sale End Date	05.03.2024/04.00 PM.
11	Bid Submission End Date	05.03.2024/04.00 PM.
12	Date of Opening of Tender	07.03.2024/11.00 AM.
13	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
14	Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
15	Email id	eedwsd.ranchieast@gmail.com
15	Contact No. Of Procurement Office	0651-3560890

नोट :– 1. विशेष जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट – http://jharkahndtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

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PR.NO.319343 Drinking Water and Sanitation(23-24):D

SLMG Beverages to invest ₹3,000 cr. to expand bottling capacity for Coca-Cola

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

SLMG Beverages, the largest independent bottler of Coca-Cola in India and South West Asia, plans to invest ₹3,000 crore in calendar year 2024 to expand capacity in its existing territories and facilitate its entry into the Bihar market.

The Coca-Cola Company recently announced its decision to transfer its bottling operations to three territories, including Bihar. SLMG Beverages had bagged rights for the Bihar market and as per the agreement it will assume ownership and operational responsibility of that territory.

Packing fizz: The firm will expand capacity in its existing territories and enter the Bihar market with the investment. THE HINDU

Currently, the company caters to the 250 million population in Uttar Pradesh other than the National Capital Region portion, 4 districts of Madhya Pradesh and the whole of Uttarakhand. With Bihar in its kitty, it will grow its market to 360 million.

Partiosh Ladhani, joint managing director of SLMG Beverages said, "We just acquired the Bihar territory which contributes about 4% of India's sale. Now SLMG will be contributing to 22% of India's volume, and close to about 23% in value (for Coca-Cola). So, we will cross the turnover mark of ₹7,500 crore in 2024."

On the growth in its area of operations he said, "This industry is all about population. So, the more the population, the more the opportunity for us to grow," he added.

On the investment plan he said, "We had announced to invest more than ₹5,000 crore in the soft drink business in 2023 and 2024. We have already invested about ₹2,000 crore last year. So in 2024 we are going to invest more than 3,000 crore in the business," he added.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Senior Assistant Horticulture Director,
East Zone Office, Bengaluru

No: SAHD/BBMP/East/PR/601/2023-24 **Date: 16.02.2024**

NOTICE OF TENDER CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Revision in the dates published earlier in the tender notification

Ref: Tender Notification No: SAHD/East/BBMP/TENDER 01/2023-24 Date: 28.12.2023

With reference to the above subject & reference in the notified tender the dates are modified as mentioned below, due to technical reasons. Rest no other changes.

Particulars	As Assigned Tender Notification Date & Time	As per Corrigendum date & Time
Last date for submission of bids to maintenance work tender through online	16.02.2024 at 5:30 pm	22.02.2024 at 3:00 pm
Opening of Technical Bid	17.02.2024 at 5:00 pm	23.02.2024 at 4:00 pm
Opening of Financial Bid	After approval of Technical Bid	After approval of Technical Bid

Sd/- Senior Assistant Horticulture Director
East Zone

SANAA

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels claim latest Red Sea vessel strike

AP

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels in a statement on Saturday claimed an attack a day earlier on an oil tanker in the Red Sea, the latest in a series of strikes which have led to retaliation by Britain and the U.S. The strike came on the same day that Washington's redesignation of the Houthis as "terrorist" came into force. AFP

TOKYO

Japan launches H3 rocket capable of delivering cargo to the Moon

AFP

Japan's space agency toasted a successful blast-off for its new flagship rocket on Saturday, making it third time lucky after years of delays and two previous failed attempts. The next-generation H3 has been mooted as a rival to SpaceX's Falcon 9, and could one day deliver cargo to bases on the Moon. AFP

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Philippines accuses Chinese boats of repeated 'dangerous' actions

AFP

The Philippines on Saturday accused Chinese coast guard ships of "dangerous" manoeuvres after they repeatedly blocked a vessel delivering supplies to Filipino fishermen at a reef off the Southeast Asian nation's coast. The incidents happened near the China-controlled Scarborough Shoal on Thursday and Friday. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Afghan women fear going out alone due to Taliban decrees: UN

AP

Afghan women feel scared or unsafe leaving their home alone because of Taliban decrees and enforcement campaigns on clothing and male guardians, according to a report from the UN mission in Afghanistan. The report published on Friday said the decrees are being enforced through arrest, harassment and intimidation. AP

Ukraine withdraws from Avdiivka as Russia pushes on

The Ukrainian withdrawal paves the way for Russia's biggest victory since the May 2023 capture of Bakhmut; the city is key to Russia's aim of securing full control of two eastern 'Donbas' provinces

Reuters
MOSCOW

Final stand: Ukrainian servicemen pile up earthbags to build a fortification not far from the town of Avdiivka on Saturday. AFP

Russia said on Saturday that its forces had inflicted a series of defeats on Ukrainian forces along the 1,000-km front line just as Ukrainian troops withdrew from the devastated eastern town of Avdiivka. The Ukrainian withdrawal from Avdiivka paves the way for Russia's biggest victory since the May 2023 capture of Bakhmut after a deadly battle that left thousands dead in a devastated city with barely a building intact.

After the failure of Ukraine to pierce Russian lines last year, Moscow has been trying to grind down Ukrainian forces just as Kyiv ponders a major new mobilisation and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy appoints a new commander to run the war. Russian forces made inroads against Ukrainian troops along the front lines in a number of different directions, according to the Russian Defence Ministry.

"Avdiivka, as a major node of resistance for the armed forces of Ukraine, has fallen," pro-Russian military blogger Yuri Podolyak said on Telegram.

Avdiivka sits in the industrial Donbas region, 15 km north of the Russian-occupied city of Donetsk. Before the war, its Soviet-era coke plant was one of Europe's biggest.

Both Russian and Ukrainian officials say the battle for Avdiivka cost many thousands of lives, though neither side has given any casualty figures.

Avdiivka is the key to Russia's aim of securing full control of the two eastern "Donbas" provinces – Donetsk and Luhansk. These are among the four Ukrainian regions Russia says it has annexed but does not fully control.

Avdiivka is seen as a gateway to Donetsk city, whose residential areas Russian officials say have been shelled by Ukrainian forces, sometimes from Avdiivka.

Kremlin foe Alexei Navalny's team confirms his death, cause unclear

Associated Press
ST PETERSBURG

People pay tribute to Alexei Navalny at the Memorial to Victims of Political Repression in Saint Petersburg on Saturday. AP

Alexei Navalny's spokesperson confirmed on Saturday that the Russian Opposition leader had died at the age of 47 at a remote Arctic penal colony, and said he was "murdered," but it is unclear where his body is.

An official note handed to Navalny's mother stated that he died at 2:17 p.m. local time on Friday, Kira Yarmysh said. She added that an employee of the prison colony said that Mr. Navalny's body was taken to the nearby city of Salekhard as part of a probe into his death. She demanded that his body be handed over to his family.

When a lawyer and Navalny's mother visited the morgue in Salekhard, it was closed, his team said. The lawyer called the morgue and was told that Navalny's body was not there, his team said.

Russia's Federal Penitentiary Service reported that Navalny felt sick after a walk and became unconscious at the penal colony in the town of Kharp, in the Yamalo-Nenets region about 1,900 km northeast of Moscow. An ambulance arrived, but he couldn't be revived. The cause of death is still "being established," it said.

Maria Pevchikh, head of the board of Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation, said that the Opposition leader would "live on forever in millions of hearts."

273 detained

At least 273 people have been detained at events across 32 Russian cities since the death of Navalny, according to rights group OVD-Info. It is the largest wave of arrests at political events in Russia since Sept. 2022, when more than 1,300 were arrested at demonstrations against a "partial mobilisation" of reservists for the military campaign in Ukraine.

Navalny, President Vladimir Putin's most formidable domestic opponent, had been jailed since January 2021, when he returned to Moscow to face certain arrest after recuperating in Germany from nerve agent poisoning he blamed on the Kremlin. He was later convicted three times, and received a sentence of 19 years for extremism.

The news of his death comes less than a month before an election that will give Mr. Putin another six years in power.

(With Reuters inputs)

Blinken, China's Wang discuss U.S. sanctions

Agence France-Presse
MUNICH

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken raised concerns over Beijing's backing for Russia's war against Ukraine on Friday in talks with China's top diplomat Wang Yi, who called for Washington to lift sanctions on Chinese entities.

Mr. Blinken and Mr. Wang's meeting on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference follows an extremely fraught period between the two giants over issues including Taiwan, trade and human rights.

Mr. Blinken underlined the "importance of continuing to implement the progress made" at a November summit between U.S. President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, said State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller.

Mr. Wang echoed Mr. Blinken's sentiments about the Biden-Xi summit, saying both sides needed to work to "promote a sound, steady and sustainable development of bilateral relations", according to China's Foreign Ministry.

Pakistan's CEC, Chief Justice involved in poll-rigging, alleges senior bureaucrat

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

A senior Pakistani bureaucrat on Saturday alleged that the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the Chief Justice were involved in poll-rigging in the recent election as he resigned from his post, taking the "responsibility for all this wrongdoing".

Former Rawalpindi Commissioner Liaquat Ali Chattha's remarks came amidst jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party began nationwide protests against alleged rigging and stealing of its mandate in the February 8 elections.

'Made to win'

Speaking to presspersons at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Mr. Chattha said the candidates who were "losing" the elections "were made to win".

"I am taking the responsibility for all this wrongdoing and telling you that the Chief Election Commissioner and the Chief Justice are also completely involved in this," he was quoted as saying by the *Dawn* newspaper.

The Election Commission of Pakistan has strongly rejected Chattha's allegations

Mr. Chattha resigned from his office after "accepting responsibility" for manipulation of poll results, it said.

He said "stabbing the country in its back does not let" him sleep.

The former bureaucrat said there was "pressure" on him to the extent that he contemplated suicide but then resolved to present matters before the public.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has strongly rejected the allegations Mr. Chattha has made against the Chief Election Commissioner.

Punjab's caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has also ordered an "impartial probe" by a "high-level committee" into the allegations made by Mr. Chattha.

Trump fined $355 mn in New York fraud trial

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

A New York judge ordered Donald Trump to pay $355 million over fraud allegations and banned him from running companies in the state for three years on Friday in a major blow to his business empire and financial standing.

Mr. Trump – almost certain to be the Republican presidential nominee this November – was found liable for unlawfully inflating his wealth and manipulating the value of properties to obtain favourable bank loans or insurance terms.

Mr. Trump accused President Joe Biden of driving the case, calling it "weaponisation against a political opponent, and vowed to appeal. As the case was civil, not criminal, there was no threat of imprisonment. But Mr. Trump said ahead of the ruling that a ban on conducting business in New York state would be akin to a "corporate death penalty".

A separate trial on Mr. Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 election is on hold in Washington, DC.

Sport

Surineni and Abhay make a winning start to their campaigns

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Victor: Chetan Surineni, who won the MRF Formula 2000 class.

Chetan Surineni and Abhay Mohan won the MRF Formula 2000 and MRF Formula 1600 races respectively for a winning start to their campaigns in the MRF MMSC FMSCI National car racing championships here on Saturday.

Earlier, Biren Pithawalla (N1 Racing) pulled off a fine win in the premium Indian Touring Cars class. Performance Racing's Hatim Shabbir Jamnagarwalla took the honours in the Indian Junior Touring Cars segment, while Angad Matharoo (Buzzing Hornet Motorsport) topped the Super Stock category.

The results (Provisional, all eight laps unless mentioned):

MRF Formula 2000 (Race-1): 1. Chetan Surineni (12:49.401); 2. Jaden Rahman Pariat (13:20.579); 3. Tarun Muthaiah (13:58.255).

MRF Formula 1600 (Race-1): 1. Abhay Mohan (13:49.827); 2. Zahan Commissariat (14:00.386); 3. Raaj Bakhru (14:23.370).

Indian Touring Cars (Race-1): 1. Biren Pithawala (Team N1) (15:21.359); 2. Ritesh Rai (Arka Motorsports) (15:22.782); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Performance Racing) (15:34.211).

Indian Junior Touring Cars (Race-1): 1. Hatim Shabbir Jamnagarwala (Performance Racing) (15:35.231); 2. Srinivas Teja (Performance Racing) (15:41.732); 3. Nikunj Vagh (Team N1 Racing) (15:53.915).

Super Stock (Race-1): 1. Angad Matharoo (Buzzing Hornet Motorsports) (16:48.478); 2. Balaprasath (DTS Racing) (16:52.781); 3. Anirudha Arvind (Redline Racing India) (16:54.402).

MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) Race-1: 1. Diana Pundole (18:10.588); 2. Anirudha Arvind (18:15.446); 3. Jai Prashanth (18:15.850).

Kalki should repeat in the Deccan Bookmakers Welfare Association Alcock Arabian Million

HYDERABAD: Trainer Bharat Singh's colt Kalki, who won well in his last start, should repeat in the Deccan Bookmakers Welfare Association Alcock Arabian Million (Gr. 3), the feature event of Sunday's (Feb. 18) races.

1 SEA BIRD PLATE (1,100m) (Terms), 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 12. 40 p.m.: 1. Cannon Rose (4) P. Sai Kumar 56, 2. Glorious Power (3) Afroz Khan 56, 3. Blazing Saddle (1) Md. Ismail 53.5, 4. Peanut (6) Abhay Singh 53.5, 5. Anahita (5) P. Ajeeth Kumar 52, 6. Cherish The Lady (7) Santosh Raj 52, 7. Newfound Glory (8) Ajay Kumar 52 and 8. Vital Sign (2) Kaviraj 52.

1. CANNON ROSE,
2. GLORIOUS POWER,
3. PEANUT

2 DREAM GIRL PLATE (1,800m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III) – 1.10: 1. Muaser (5) Nakhat Singh 60, 2. Tortilla Chip (1) P. Sai Kumar 59.5, 3. Cash Register (2) Surya Prakash 59, 4. London Bell (3) R.S. Jodha 57.5, 5. Special Effort (6) Md. Ismail 57.5, 6. My Way Or Highway (4) Mohit Singh 56.5 and 7. Magic Princess (7) B.R. Kumar 53.5.

1. TORTILLA CHIP,
2. CASH REGISTER,
3. LONDON BELL

3 MCEME ROLLING TROPHY (Div. II) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 1.40: 1. Amyra (1) Mohit Singh 60, 2. Tripurari (6) Deepak Singh 59, 3. Malibu (3) Md. Ekram Alam 57.5, 4. Adbhut (7) Afroz Khan 55.5, 5. Kenna (2) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 54.5, 6. Only The Brave (10) Md. Ismail 53.5, 7. Sangreal (9) Santosh Raj 53.5, 8. Pontefract (4) B.R. Kumar 52, 9. Calista Girl (5) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 51.5 and 10. Shadow Fax (8) Kaviraj 51.5.

1. KENNA,
2. MALIBU,
3. SHADOW FAX

4 RAJA BAHADUR VENKATARAMA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (Div. II) (1,600m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II) – 2.15: 1. Nugget (6) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 60, 2. Icicle (7) Mukesh Kumar 56, 3. Miss Little Angel (5) B.R. Kumar 55, 4. Great Guns (8) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 5. Hugh Capet (3) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 53.5, 6. Bangor On Dee (1) Md. Ekram Alam 53, 7. Morior Invictus (2) Santosh Raj 52.5 and 8. Ivanhoe (4) Surya Prakash 50.5.

1. GREAT GUNS,
2. NUGGET,
3. ICICLE

5 DECCAN BOOKMAKERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION ALCOCK ARABIAN MILLION (Gr. 3) (1,400m) (Terms), 3-y-o only – 2.45: 1. Kalki (2) Surya Prakash 56, 2. Dapper Look (1) Nakhat Singh 53, 3. King Immortal (4) P. Ajeeth Kumar 53 and 4. Talking Stick (3) Santosh Raj 53.

1. KALKI

6 MCEME ROLLING TROPHY (Div. I) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.15: 1. Miss Maya (8) Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. See My Spark (5) Shivansh 58, 3. Red Snaper (10) Afroz Khan 57, 4. Midsummer Star (6) P. Sai Kumar 56.5, 5. Colt Pistol (7) B.R. Kumar 54, 6. Pinatubo (2) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 53, 7. Salisbury (3) Rafique Sk. 52.5, 8. Star Racer (4) Surya Prakash 51.5, 9. Wind Sprite (9) Md. Ekram Alam 51 and 10. Honourable Lady (1) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 50.5.

1. MIDSUMMER STAR,
2. MISS MAYA,
3. COLT PISTOL

7 RAJA BAHDUR VENKATARAMA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (Div. I) (1,600m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. Painted Apache (5) P. Ajeeth Kumar 61.5, 2. Mireya (4) Ajay Kumar 56.5, 3. Yesterday (7) Surya Prakash 55.5, 4. Miss Marvellous (6) Md. Ekram Alam 54.5, 5. N R I Sport (1) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 53, 6. City Of Blessing (8) P. Sai Kumar 52.5, 7. Del Heights (2) Mohit Singh 52 and 8. Sun Dancer (3) Afroz Khan 51.

1. MIREYA,
2. CITY OF BLESSING,
3. MISS MARVELLOUS

8 SIR BRUCE PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 4.15: 1. Precious Gift (14) A.A. Vikrant 60, 2. D Right Time (3) Deepak Singh 59, 3. Flashing Memories (1) Md. Ekram Alam 59, 4. Hurricane Bay (12) Afroz Khan 56, 5. That's My Love (5) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 55.5, 6. Deccan Ranger (10) Mohit Singh 54, 7. Dali's Champion (4) Surya Prakash 53.5, 8. Sun And Wind (13) Md. Ismail 53.5, 9. Antidote (6) Kaviraj 52.5, 10. Arthisha (7) P. Sai Kumar 52, 11. Nityasundara (11) G. Naresh 52, 12. Nkalanzinzi (9) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 51.5, 13. Battle On (8) Santosh Raj 51 and 14. Urgent (2) Abhay Singh 51.

1. HURRICANE BAY,
2. ANTIDOTE,
3. FLASHING MEMORIES

Day's Best: KENNA.
Jackpot: 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 3, 4 & 5, (iii) 6, 7 & 8.
Tanala: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8.

THIS IS BAZBALL!

Duckett backs Root's audacious reverse-ramp shot amidst backlash

VIJAY SONEJI

Joe Root's audacious reverse-ramp off Jasprit Bumrah that resulted in his dismissal may have received a lot of flak but Ben Duckett has stood right behind his teammate. "I'd be interested to know if those people were against it when he was doing it to Pat Cummins and hitting him for six. I've no words really for it," Duckett said.

MISSED IT!

I was getting a massage during Jaiswal's blitzkrieg: Siraj

VIJAY SONEJI

Mohammed Siraj sent the media conference enclosure into splits when he was asked about the mood in the dressing room when Yashasvi Jaiswal shifted gears. "I was getting a massage when Yashasvi was going after England bowlers, so now after going back I will watch his knock," he said, bursting into a smile.

MARK OF RESPECT

Indian team wears armbands in memory of Dattajirao Gaekwad

VIJAY SONEJI

Indian players wore black armbands in the memory of former captain Dattajirao Gaekwad on the third day of the third Test against England. Dattajirao, who played 11 Tests for India between 1951 and 1962, died on February 13 after remaining hospitalised for 12 days. At 95, he was India's oldest living Test cricketer.

HUMDINGER

Pathirana, Hasaranga help Sri Lanka pip Afghanistan

AFP

Sri Lanka defeated Afghanistan by four runs in the first T20I at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium on Saturday.
The scores: Sri Lanka 160 in 19 overs (Hasaranga 67, Farooqi 3/25) bt Afghanistan 156/9 (I. Zadran 67 not out, Pathirana 4/24).
PoM: Pathirana. **Toss:** Afghanistan.

Jaiswal blazes away to a century to put India in the driver's seat

Siraj registers a four-for, his best figures at home, as the hosts bowl out England for 319; Gill chips in with an unbeaten fifty as Rohit's men's overall lead swells to 322 with eight wickets in hand

ENGLAND IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

Four is a necessity, five is a luxury. That's been conventionally the case with India's bowling attack, especially while playing at home. In the absence of one of the five – the 500-wicket man R. Ashwin who had to fly back home midway through the game due to a family medical emergency – the other four shouldered the burden.

Promising opener Yashasvi Jaiswal then opened his shoulders with panache to virtually bat England out of the game. India completely dominated the day by having England on the mat at close of play at the Niranjan Shah Stadium.

Thanks to the bowling quartet's magic, led by Mohammed Siraj's best bowling figures at home, India folded England's first essay for 319, with the visitors managing to add 112 runs for the loss of eight wickets to their overnight total.

Hefty lead

Riding on Jaiswal and Shubman Gill jam before the opener had to retire due to backache, India finished the day at 196 for two. With a hefty lead of 322, India will hope to set a gargantuan target.

Jaiswal may have taken the fizz out of England's attack with a charge that would have made even England head coach Brendon McCullum proud, but it was Siraj and Co. that seized the initiative for India in the first-half. Jasprit Bumrah and Kuldeep Yadav – who had been swept out of the attack by centurion Ben Duckett the previous evening – started the proceedings. And Joe Root's attempted reverse-ramp off Bumrah only resulted in a sharp catch to Jaiswal at second slip in the fifth over.

In great touch: Jaiswal bossed the England attack before he retired due to backache. VIJAY SONEJI

In the next over, Kuldeep turned one in sharply to find Jonny Bairstow rooted in his crease for a blob. The wrist-spinner changed the tactics and stifled the run flow by bowling wide of off-stump with a spread-out field. He was finally rewarded when Duckett chased a real wide one and scooped it to covers.

At 260 for five, it was down to Ben Stokes, playing his 100th Test, and Foakes to keep England in the hunt.

But Ravindra Jadeja enticed Stokes into an error with the England captain skying one to long-on. That dismissal minutes after lunch triggered a collapse as England lost the last five wickets for just 20 runs.

With the ball having started reversing, Siraj used all his variations effectively to wind up the tail. His perfect yorker to Rehan Ahmed and an incoming delivery that shattered James Anderson's off-stump were a treat to watch as England wound up in the second session.

Changing gears

Despite starting the second essay with twin boundaries off Anderson in the opening over, captain Rohit Sharma missed a sweep off Joe Root to be adjudged leg-before through DRS. Soon afterwards, Jaiswal changed gears when he had cruised to 35.

A 19-run over off Anderson started the charge and he followed it up with drives, slog-sweeps, lofted sixes and even two reverse-sweeps in a Rehan over that came straight out of England's book.

When he was forced to return to the dressing room due to backache at the start of the 30-minute extension, soon after celebrating his second hundred of the series with a trademark jump, Rajat Patidar threw away his wicket for the second time in the match.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
445

ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS
Zak Crawley c Patidar b Ashwin 15 *(28b, 2x4)*, Ben Duckett c Gill b Kuldeep 153 *(151b, 23x4, 2x6)*, Ollie Pope lbw b Siraj 39 *(55b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Joe Root c Jaiswal b Bumrah 18 *(31b, 2x4)*, Jonny Bairstow lbw b Kuldeep 0 *(4b)*, Ben Stokes c Bumrah b Jadeja 41 *(89b, 6x4)*, Ben Foakes c Rohit b Siraj 13 *(37b, 2x4)*, Rehan Ahmed b Siraj 6 *(13b, 1x4)*, Tom Hartley st Jurel b Jadeja 9 *(17b, 2x4)*, Mark Wood (not out) 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, James Anderson b Siraj 1 *(3b)*; Extras (b-6, lb-5, nb-4, pen-5): 20; Total (in 71.1 overs) 319.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-89 (Crawley, 13.1 overs), 2-182 (Pope, 29.6), 3-224 (Root, 39.5), 4-225 (Bairstow, 40.4), 5-260 (Duckett, 50.1), 6-299 (Stokes, 64.6), 7-299 (Foakes, 65.1), 8-314 (Rehan, 69.5), 9-314 (Hartley, 70.2).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 15-1-54-1, Siraj 21.1-2-84-4, Kuldeep 18-2-77-2, Ashwin 7-0-37-1, Jadeja 10-0-51-2.

INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal retd. hurt 104 *(133b, 9x4, 5x6)*, Rohit Sharma lbw b Root 19 *(28b, 3x4)*, Shubman Gill (batting) 65 *(120b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Rajat Patidar c Rehan b Hartley 0 *(10b)*, Kuldeep Yadav (batting) 3 *(15b)*; Extras (lb-5): 5; Total (for two wkts. in 51 overs): 196.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-30 (Rohit, 11.3), 2-191 (Patidar, 47.4).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Anderson 6-1-32-0, Root 14-2-48-1, Hartley 15-2-42-1, Wood 8-0-38-0, Rehan 8-0-31-0.

Long spells worked for the bowlers, says Siraj

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

Hallmark of a standout player and a great team is their ability to change – and execute – plans midway through a game. A combination of Ben Duckett's onslaught on the second evening and R. Ashwin's withdrawal due to family emergency meant India had no option but to switch into Plan B to keep England at bay.

Mohammed Siraj, the pacer who returned his best figures at home, said, "In the morning when we got to know that Ash *bhai* is not there, more responsibility fell on us. Rohit bhai told us that we will need to bowl long spells and I love bowling long spells," Siraj said after the third day's play.

"For a fast bowler in Test match cricket, one cannot set up a batsman in three-four overs. And we got success due to long spells. We stopped runs and got wickets."

Siraj. VIJAY SONEJI

Long spells indeed turned out to be a blessing in disguise. After the second day's play, Ashwin had stressed how Ben Duckett's onslaught had not perturbed India's bowling unit. While Siraj reiterated the fact that "they were hitting good balls for fours," the third morning saw aggressive fields making way for defensive fields.

Kuldeep Yadav and Jasprit Bumrah regained the control at the start, with Kuldeep bowling a 12-over spell to pick two key wickets.

"Since we were one bowler short, the remaining four bowlers had to bowl long spells. Ash bhai (Ashwin) was our fifth bowler and I only wish that his mother gets well soon," Siraj said.

"If you bowl long spells you should not try much but be consistent with it (line and lengths). They are not used to defending all six balls (in an over), if they have defended two, they are going to attack the third."

Jaiswal looks like a superstar in the making: Duckett

Sports Bureau
RAJKOT

Referring to left-handed opening batter Yashasvi Jaiswal as a "superstar in the making," Ben Duckett, the England opener, stressed England deserved credit for changing the way Test cricket is being played by various teams.

"When you see players from the opposition playing like that, it almost feels like we should take some credit that they're playing differently than how other people play Test cricket. We saw it a bit in the (English) summer and it's quite exciting to see other players and other teams are also playing that aggressive style of cricket," Duckett said, when asked about Jaiswal's counterattack that took the game away from England in the last session. "He looks like a superstar in the making, Unfortunately (for us), he is in some very good form at the moment. He is due a couple of low ones."

Jaiswal. VIJAY SONEJI

Duckett gave India full credit. "It was one of those days when we have to give credit to India. This morning they were very good and they didn't make it easy to score. It felt like their plans were better than last night and unfortunately we just kept on losing wickets at the wrong times."

"Then with the ball I didn't think we bowled badly at all and Jaiswal has played another incredible innings there," he said.

Liverpool eases past Brentford

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
LONDON

Darwin Nunez scored with an exquisite chip as Liverpool kept its foot on the throttle in the Premier League title race with a 4-1 win at Brentford on Saturday to go provisionally five points clear at the summit.

Nunez's first-half effort opened the scoring, and goals after the break from Alexis Mac Allister and the returning Mohamed Salah effectively ended the contest. Ivan Toney pulled one back for Brentford, but Cody Gakpo grabbed Liverpool's fourth to wrap up a comfortable win for the visitors.

Exquisite: Nunez chips the ball over Brentford's goalkeeper Flekken for Liverpool's opener. AFP

The results: Premier League: Brentford 1 (Toney 75) lost to Liverpool 4 (Nunez 35, Mac Allister 55, Salah 68, Gakpo 86).

Burnley 0 lost to Arsenal 5 (Odegaard 4, Saka 41-pen, 47, Trossard 66, Havertz 78).

Fulham 1 (Muniz 63) lost to Aston Villa 2 (Watkins 23, 56); Newcastle 2 (Gordon 58-pen, Ritchie 90+2) drew with Bournemouth 2 (Solanke 51, Semenyo 69).

Nottingham Forest 2 (Awoniyi 45+5, Hudson-Odoi 90+4) bt West Ham 0; Tottenham 1 (Kulusevski 46) lost to Wolves 2 (Gomes 42, 63). **LaLiga:** Atletico Madrid 5 (Llorente 15, Llorente 20, Correa 47, 62, Depay 87) bt Las Palmas 0. **Serie A:** Napoli 1 (Ngonge 90) drew with Genoa 1 (Frendrup 47). **Bundesliga:** Wolfsburg 1 (Gerhardt 63) drew with Borussia Dortmund 1 (Fuellkrug 8). **On Friday: Serie A:** Inter Milan 4 (Thuram 17, Martinez 19, Dumfries 40, Arnautovic 90) bt Salernitana 0; Torino 2 (Bellanova 50, Zapata 81) bt Lecce 0.

Ramkumar-Myneni pair triumphs; Nagal loses to Napolitano in the semifinals

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Stefano Napolitano handed Sumit Nagal his first defeat in nine matches to enter the singles final of the dafaNews Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger at the KSLTA courts inside Cubbon Park here on Saturday.

The burly Italian of 6'5" frame and a power-packed game and his relatively stubbier opponent with agile feet matched each other for long periods.

But it was the visitor who held steady when it mattered the most – in the tiebreaker of the first set and the last two games of the second – to clinch the match 7-6(2), 6-4.

In Sunday's final, Napolitano will play South Korea's Seongchan Hong, who overcame Spaniard Oriol Roca Batalla 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Such was Napolitano's court presence and reach that Nagal had to go for the lines repeatedly. That he managed it time and again was credit to his form and belief. But it was also not one of those days when everything came off for the World No.98.

Napolitano, on his part, hit ferociously when the ball was in his strike zone, but appeared to struggle when it was skiddy and low.

This tussle was evident in the way the duo traded breaks two times each in both sets. But at 4-4 in the second, Napolitano came up with one of his cleanest holds and that meant Nagal had to display nerves of steel to stay in match.

Working in tandem: Ramkumar and Myneni won the title after downing Kouzmine and Janvier. PTI

But two forehand errors from Nagal and two lucky net cords for Napolitano ended the home favourite's pursuit of a second straight Challenger title.

Later on, Ramkumar Ramanathan and Saketh Myneni won their second doubles title in as many weeks, beating Frenchmen Constantin Bittoun Kouzmine and Maxime Janvier 6-3, 6-4 in the final. This was also the pair's third trophy together and second in the Garden City.

Pandey's ton, Hardik's all-round show give Karnataka crucial lead

The 17-year-old shines with a four-wicket haul and an unbeaten 49; Vyshak claims a four-for; the home side is assured of a spot in the quarterfinal, provided it does not fall to a loss

RANJI TROPHY

Ashwin Achal
HUBBALLI

An entertaining unbeaten 102 by Manish Pandey took Karnataka to a comfortable position against Chandigarh on the second day of their Ranji Trophy outing here on Saturday.

Pandey's 25th First Class century powered Karnataka to 268 for three, one run ahead of Chandigarh's first-innings total.

With three points in the bag, Karnataka is assured of a spot in the quarterfinal, provided the home team does not fall to a loss.

Pandey came alive in the final session, thrilling the small crowd with brilliant strokes.

He punched length deliveries through extra cover and mid off, and pulled long hops over deep square leg. The 34-year-old walked down the track to throw the pacers off-kilter. Pandey was unstoppable once he got his eye in, moving from 50 to 100 in just 24 deliveries.

Pandey found an able ally in Hardik Raj (49 batting, 116b, 4x4). Hardik batted with gumption for over three hours, showing all the right qualities to thrive in this long format.

It was a day to remember for the 17-year-old, who also scalped four wickets with his left-arm spin in the Chandigarh essay.

Making it count: Pandey will hope to go big when he resumes his innings on day three. KIRAN BAKLE

Mayank Agarwal's good run continued with a 90-ball 57. The skipper looked good for more, but an inside edge to left-arm spinner Karan Kaila cut him short.

Nikin Jose, not in the best form this season, worked hard in his 60-ball 37. An unnecessary jab outside off, however, robbed Jose of a big score.

There was no silver lining for opener R. Samarth, nicked off by pacer Jagjit Sandhu for four.

Chandigarh batted for 27.4 overs in the morning session to end with a respectable total. Hardik (four for 56) prised out wickets with a combination of flighted deliveries and arm balls, while fast bowler V. Vyshak (four for 77) was typically fiery.

The scores:
Chandigarh – 1st innings: Shivam Bhambri c Jose b Koushik 0, Arslan Khan c Sharath b Vyshak 8, Manan Vohra b Venkatesh 21, Karan Kaila lbw b Vyshak 79, Kunal Mahajan b Hardik 34, A.K. Kaushik c Sharath b Hardik 25, Mayank Sidhu lbw b Vyshak 31, Gurinder Singh b Vyshak 16, Jagjit Sandhu b Hardik 25, Hartejassvi Kapoor lbw b Hardik 10, Rohit Dhanda (not out) 5, Extras (lb-12, w-1): 13; Total (in 106.4 overs): 267.
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-8, 3-37, 4-108, 5-154, 6-200, 7-226, 8-227, 9-258.
Karnataka bowling: Koushik 19-8-38-1, Vyshak 23-3-77-4, Venkatesh 17-2-48-1, Hardik 30.4-10-56-4, Shashikumar 16-2-35-0, Samarth 1-0-1-0.
Karnataka – 1st innings: R. Samarth c Sidhu b Sandhu 4, Mayank Agarwal b Kaila 57, Nikin Jose c Sidhu b Kapoor 37, Hardik Raj (batting) 49, Manish Pandey (batting) 102; Extras (b-7; lb-7, penalty-5): 19; Total (for three wickets in 63 overs): 268.
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-78, 3-115.
Chandigarh bowling: Sandhu 11-2-34-1, Dhanda 15-1-68-0, Gurinder 7-1-26-0, Hartejassvi 10-2-43-1, Kaila 18-1-64-1, Mahajan 1-0-12-0, Bhambri 1-0-2-0.

INBRIEF

Haryana Steelers gets the better of U Mumba

Haryana Steelers continued its winning run at home as it dismantled U Mumba to clinch a 46-40 win in the Pro Kabaddi League Season-10 match in Panchkula on Saturday. Haryana Steelers' Vishal Tate, making his PKL Debut, was the star of the game with 15 raid points. Gujarat Giants recorded a 36-29 win over U.P. Yoddhas.

Indian men's team blanks Chile in World team TT

The Indian men's team scripted a comfortable 3-0 victory over Chile in a Group-3 match of the World team table tennis championships in Busan on Saturday. Indian men will next take on Poland on Sunday while the women will face Hungary.

The results: Group-3: India bt Chile 3-0 (Sharath Kamal bt Burgos 11-5, 11-8, 11-6; Harmeet Desai bt Gomez 11-8, 11-7, 11-6; Sathiyan bt Olivares 12-10, 11-8, 11-8).

DYES edges out Canara Bank in Cariappa memorial hockey

DYES beat Canara Bank 2-1 in the 24th Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa memorial hockey tournament in Bengaluru.

The results: DYES 2 (Mokshith Salyan 15, Deepak Yadav 33) bt Canara Bank 1 (K.M. Somanna 47); SWR 3 (Pavan Madivalar 35, Vinith 46, L. Rahul 55) bt KSP 1 (Prajwal 13); RWF 5 (Abhishek 17, S.P. Deekshith 27, 43, J.P. Kusha 31, K.R. Umesha 41) bt Customs & GST 3 (Vishal 12, Advaith Nachappa 16, P.L. Thimmanna 36).

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.
India vs England: 3rd Test, day 4, Sports 18-1 & Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.
Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 5, 7.30; Sports 18-1 & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45 & 11 p.m.; Sports 18-1 & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-1 & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 & Hotstar, 8 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 8 & 10 p.m.

RANJI SCORES, ROUND 7, DAY 2

Elite: Group A: At Jamshedpur: Jharkhand 188 & 171/5 in 37 overs vs Rajasthan 210 in 71.5 overs (Sumit Godara 44, S.F. Khan 52, Varun Aaron 4/65).
At Rajkot: Manipur 142 & 55/3 in 28 overs vs Saurashtra 529/6 in 104.1 overs (Harvik Desai 48, Arpit Vasavada 148, Prerak Mankad 173, Cheteswar Pujara 108).
At Delhi: Maharashtra 225 vs Services 217/4 in 99 overs (Shubham Rohilla 72, Vineet Dhankhar 43).
At Nagpur: Vidarbha 423 in 120.3 overs (Dhruv Shorey 78, Akshay Wadkar 62, Yash Rathod 71, Aditya Sarwate 99) vs Haryana 198/4 in 52 overs (Yuvraj Singh 48, Nishant Sindhu 115).
Group B: At Mumbai: Assam 84 & 108 in 33 overs (Shardul Thakur 4/31) lost to Mumbai 272 in 64.4 overs (Shivam Dube 121 n.o., Dibakar Johri 5/74).
At Lucknow: Chhattisgarh 414 in 145.5 overs (Sanjeet Desai 202, Amandeep Khare 114) vs UP 110/3 in 27 overs (Saurabh Kumar 55 batting).
At Kolkata: Bihar 95 & 32/1 in 14 overs vs Bengal 411/5 in 104.1 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 200, Abishek Porel 56).
At Vizianagaram: Andhra 272 in 96.4 overs (Maheep Kumar 81, Ricky Bhui 87 n.o., Karan Shinde 43) vs Kerala 258/3 in 81 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 61, Krishna Prasad 43, Sachin Baby 87, Akshay Chandran 57).
Group C: At Salem: Tamil Nadu 435 in 131.4 overs (B. Indrajith 187, Vijay Shankar 130, Sukhwinder Singh 4/99) vs Punjab 141/4 in 46 overs (Anmolpreet Singh 41, Nehal Wadhera 43).
At Porvorim: Goa 317 in 84.2 overs (Darshan Misal 89, Mohit Redkar 80, Arjun Tendulkar 45) vs Gujarat 281/5 in 79 overs (Priyank Panchal 150).
At Agartala: Tripura 149 & 286/9 in 70 overs (Sudip Chatterjee 95, Ganesh Satish 62, Yuvraj Singh 4/84) vs Railways 105 in 37.3 overs (Arindam Gosh 62 n.o., M. Murasingh 5/28).
At Hubbali: Chandigarh 267 in 106.4 overs (Karan Kaila 79, Vijaykumar Vyshak 4/77, Hardik Raj 4/56) vs Karnataka 268/3 in 63 overs (Mayank Agarwal 57, Hardik Raj 49 batting, Manish Pandey 102 batting).
Group D: At Delhi: Odisha 440 in 129.2 overs (Shantanu Mishra 76, S. Senapati 111, Biplab Samantray 110, Aasirwad Swain 46, Sumit Mathur 4/97) vs Delhi 187/2 in 46 overs (Anuj Rawat 40, Gagan Vats 66, Yash Dhull 57 batting).
At Indore: Madhya Pradesh 200 & 92/1 in 39 overs (Yash Dubey 57 batting) vs J&K 242 in 60.4 overs (Abdul Samad 103).
At Dehradun: Uttarakhand 382 in 111.4 overs (Jiwanjot Singh 139, Deepesh Nailwal 47, Aditya Tare 81, Mayank Mishra 49) vs Baroda 125/6 in 34 overs (Sashwat Rawat 82 batting).
At Puducherry: Himachal 463 in 126.2 overs (Prashant Chopra 61, Nikhil Gangta 108, Rishi Dhawan 54, Mukul Negi 55, Mayank Dagar 52, Sidak Singh 4/155) vs Pondicherry 170/7 in 51 overs (Akash Kargave 98).
Plate final: At Hyderabad: Meghalaya 304 in 83 overs (Raj Biswa 64, Jaskirat Singh 46, Dippu Sangma 42, Akash Choudhary 50, Tanay Thyagarajan 5/103) vs Hyderabad 25/2 in 5 overs

Indian women defeat Japan in a thriller to enter final

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
SHAH ALAM (MALAYSIA)

India kept alive its hopes of winning a first-ever gold in Badminton Asia Team Championships after the women progressed to their maiden final with a 3-2 win over two-time champion Japan in the semifinal on Saturday. India will face Thailand in the final on Sunday.

The results: India 3 bt Japan 2 (P.V. Sindhu lost to Aya Ohori 13-21, 20-22; Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Nami Matsuyama & Chiharu Shida 21-17, 16-21, 22-20; Ashmita Chaliha bt Nozomi Okuhara 21-17, 21-14; Sindhu & Ashwini Ponnappa lost to Rena Miyaura & Ayako Sakuramoto 14-21, 11-21; Anmol Kharb bt Natsuki Nidaira 21-14, 21-18).

Indian women edge past Australia

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Sports Bureau

Indian women registered only their second win in the FIH Pro League this season in Rourkela on Saturday, but the 1-0 victory over Australia was more than just avenging the loss in the first leg in Bhubaneswar.

This was India's first win against the Hockeyroos since the famous victory at the Tokyo Olympics. More incredibly, this was India's first success against them, at home, in 28 years – India last beat Australia, in India, in women's hockey during the 1996 Indira Gandhi Gold Cup, with current coach Katrina Powell a playing member.

Not surprisingly, the goal came off the stick of veteran Vandana Katariya in the 34th minute, the 31-year old reminding everyone yet again why she was so badly missed at the Olympic Qualifiers.

Australia started the usual attacking way but a failed penalty corner in the third minute and Jane Claxton's shot at the post helped India stay in the game as it remained goalless at half-time.

A second penalty corner for India four minutes into the third quarter found Vandana time her dive and position perfectly to deflect the ball in and break the deadlock. The intensity of Indian attacks, led by Navneet's blazing runs upfront, was matched by a tight defence.

The results:
China 2 (Zixia Ou 7, Jiaqi Zhong 19) bt USA 0.
India 1 (Vandana Katariya 34) bt Australia 0.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Bank Accounts with Paytm Payments Bank

1. **I have a savings or current account with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I continue to withdraw money from this account after March 15, 2024? Can I continue to use my debit card issued by Paytm Payments Bank?**
Yes. You can continue to use, withdraw or transfer your funds from your account upto the available balance in your account.
Similarly, you can continue to use your debit card to withdraw or transfer funds upto the available balance in your account.
2. **I have a savings bank or current account with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I deposit or transfer money into this account after March 15, 2024?**
No. After March 15, 2024, you will not be able to deposit money into your account with Paytm Payments Bank. No credits or deposits other than interest, cashbacks, sweep-in from partner banks or refunds are allowed to be credited.
3. **I am expecting a refund in my account with Paytm Payments Bank after March 15, 2024. Can this refund be credited into my account?**
Yes. Refunds, cashbacks, sweep-in from partner banks or interest are permitted credits into your account even after March 15, 2024.
4. **What will happen to the Deposits maintained with partner banks through 'sweep in/out' arrangements, after March 15, 2024?**
The existing Deposits of Paytm Payments Bank customers maintained with partner banks can be brought back (sweep-in) to the accounts with Paytm Payments Bank, subject to the ceiling on balance prescribed for a Payments Bank (i.e. ₹ 2 lakh per individual customer at the end of day). Such sweep-ins for the purpose of making available the balances for use or withdrawal by the customer will continue to be allowed. However, no fresh deposits with partner banks through Paytm Payments Bank will be allowed after March 15, 2024.
5. **My salary is credited into my account with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I continue to receive my salary into this account?**
No. After March 15, 2024, you will not be able to receive any such credits into your account with Paytm Payments Bank. It is suggested that you make alternative arrangements with another bank before March 15, 2024 to avoid inconvenience.
6. **I receive a subsidy or certain direct benefit transfers linked to my Aadhar from the Government in my account with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I continue to receive it into this account?**
No. After March 15, 2024, you will not be able to receive any such credit into your account with Paytm Payments Bank. Please arrange to change your linked account to another bank before March 15, 2024 to avoid any inconvenience or disruption.
7. **My monthly electricity bill is paid automatically from my bank account with Paytm Bank Limited? Can this continue?**
Withdrawal/debit mandates (such as National Automated Clearing House (NACH) mandates) will continue to get executed till there is balance available in your account. However, after March 15, 2024, credit or deposit in your accounts will not be allowed. Therefore, to avoid inconvenience, it is suggested that you make alternative arrangements through another bank, before March 15, 2024.
8. **My monthly OTT subscription is paid automatically through UPI from my bank account with Paytm Payments Bank? Can this continue?**
Withdrawal/debit mandates through automatic UPI mandates will continue to get executed till there is balance available in your account. However, after March 15, 2024, credit or deposit in your accounts will not be allowed. Therefore, to avoid inconvenience or disruption, it is suggested that you make alternative arrangements through another bank, before March 15, 2024.
9. **The instalment (EMI) for my loan is automatically paid through my account with Paytm Payments Bank. Can this continue?**
Auto debit mandates will continue to get executed till there is balance available in your account. However, after March 15, 2024, credit or deposit in your accounts will not be allowed. Therefore, to avoid inconvenience, it is suggested that you make alternative arrangements for setting up EMI payments through another bank before March 15, 2024.
10. **The instalment (EMI) for my loan is automatically paid through my account with a bank other than Paytm Payments Bank. Can this continue?**
Yes, EMIs registered with any bank other than Paytm Payments Bank can continue.

Paytm Payments Bank Wallet

11. **I have a wallet with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I continue to use money from this wallet after March 15, 2024?**
Yes. You can continue to use, withdraw or transfer to another wallet or bank account upto the balance available in the wallet. Minimum KYC wallets1 can, however, be used only for merchant payments.
12. **I have a wallet with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I top-up or transfer money into this wallet after March 15, 2024? Can I receive money from any other person into this wallet after March 15, 2024?**
No. After March 15, 2024 you will not be able to top-up or transfer money into the wallet or receive any credits, other than cashbacks, or refunds into this wallet.
13. **I have a cashback due in my wallet with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I receive this cashback after March 15, 2024?**
Yes. Refunds and cashbacks are allowed to be credited.
14. **I have a wallet with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I close this wallet and have the balance transferred to my bank account with another bank?**
Yes. You may approach Paytm Payments Bank or use its banking app to close your wallet and transfer the balance to an account maintained with another bank in the case of full KYC wallets. In the case of minimum KYC Wallets2, you may use the available balance or request for a refund.

1 As per extant directions, small pre-paid Instruments (PPI) are issued by banks and non-banks after obtaining minimum details of the PPI holder. They can be used only for purchase of goods and services. Funds transfer or cash withdrawal from such PPIs are not permitted.

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FASTag issued by Paytm Payments Bank

(for more details on FASTag, you may visit website of IHMCL https://ihmcl.co.in)

15. **I have a FASTag issued by Paytm Payments Bank. Can I continue to use it to pay toll after March 15, 2024?**
Yes. You can continue to use your FASTag to pay toll upto the available balance. However, no further funding or top ups will be allowed in the FASTags issued by Paytm Payments Bank after March 15, 2024. It is suggested that you procure a new FASTag issued by another bank before March 15, 2024 to avoid any inconvenience.
16. **I have a FASTag issued by Paytm Payments Bank. Can I recharge the balance after March 15, 2024?**
No. After March 15, 2024 you will not be able to top-up or recharge your FASTag issued by Paytm Payments Bank. It is suggested that you procure a new FASTag issued by another bank before March 15, 2024 to avoid any inconvenience.
17. **Can I transfer the balance from my old FASTag issued by Paytm Payments Bank to a new FASTag obtained from another Bank?**
Credit balance transfer feature is not available in the FASTag product. Therefore, you will have to close your old FASTag issued by Paytm Payments Bank and request the bank for a refund.

National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) issued by Paytm Payments Bank

18. **I have an NCMC card issued by Paytm Payments Bank. Can I continue to use it after March 15, 2024?**
Yes. You can continue to use your NCMC card upto the available balance. However, you will not be able to load or top up funds into the card after March 15, 2024. In order to avoid inconvenience, it is suggested that you obtain an NCMC card issued by another bank or non-bank pre-paid instrument (PPI) issuer, before March 15, 2024.
19. **I have an NCMC card issued by Paytm Payments Bank. Can I add to its balance through top-up, recharge, etc. after March 15, 2024?**
No. After March 15, 2024 you will not be able to top-up or recharge your NCMC card issued by Paytm Payments Bank. In order to avoid inconvenience, it is suggested that you obtain an NCMC card issued by another bank or non-bank pre-paid instrument (PPI) issuer, before March 15, 2024.
20. **Can I transfer the balance from my old NCMC card issued by Paytm Payments Bank to a new card obtained from another Bank?**
Balance transfer feature is not available in the NCMC card. Therefore, you may use the card upto the available balance. In case you have some more balance which you have not been able to use, you may request Paytm Payments Bank for a refund.

Merchants using Paytm Payments Bank to receive payments

21. **I am a merchant and I accept payments using a Paytm QR code, Paytm soundbox or Paytm POS terminal, linked to another bank account (not with Paytm Payments Bank). Can I continue to use this set-up even after March 15, 2024?**
Yes. If your receipt and transfer of funds is linked to any bank account other than Paytm Payments Bank, you can continue to use this arrangement even after March 15, 2024.
22. **I am a merchant and I accept payments using a Paytm QR code, Paytm soundbox, Paytm POS terminal linked to my bank account or wallet with Paytm Payments Bank. Can I continue to use this set-up even after March 15, 2024?**
No. After March 15, 2024 you will not be able to receive any credit into your bank account or wallet with Paytm Payments Bank other than refunds, cashbacks, sweep-in from partner banks or interest. In order to avoid any inconvenience or disruption, it is suggested that you may obtain a fresh QR code linked to an account with another bank or wallet to receive payments. You may also change your bank account details (in which you receive payments) through your service provider.

Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)

23. **Can I make payments through the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) using my account with Paytm Payments Bank?**
Yes. You can continue to make payments from your Paytm Payments Bank account through Bharat Bill Payment System upto the balance available in your account. Since you will not be able to credit any further funds into your accounts or wallets with Paytm Payments Bank after March 15, 2024, it is advised that you may make alternative arrangements with another bank account for BBPS before March 15, 2024.

Aadhar enabled Payment System (AePS)

24. **Can I make withdrawals from my Paytm Payments Bank account with biometric authentication under Aadhar enabled Payment System?**
Yes. You can continue to withdraw using the AePS authentication, upto the balance available in your account.
Money Transfer through UPI/ IMPS
25. **Can I transfer my money into my Paytm Payments Bank account through UPI/ IMPS after March 15, 2024?**
No. You cannot transfer the money into your Paytm Payments Bank account after March 15, 2024.
26. **Can I withdraw my money from my Paytm Payments Bank account through UPI/ IMPS after March 15, 2024?**
Yes. You can withdraw your money from Paytm Payments Bank account through UPI/ IMPS upto the balance available in your account.

Paytm Payments Bank Business Correspondent

27. **I have an account with Paytm Payments Bank. Can the Paytm Payments Bank Business Correspondent (also referred to as Paytm Payments Bank Agent) help me in withdrawing funds from my account after March 15, 2024.**
Yes. The Paytm Payments Bank Business Correspondent (Bank Agent) can help you to withdraw money from your bank account upto the balance available in your account.

Accounts frozen, lien marked etc.

28. **What will happen to my Paytm Payments Bank account/wallet if there is a lien or freeze marked on the directions of Law Enforcement or judicial authorities?**
Any lien or freeze (full or partial) marked as per the instructions of any law enforcement or judicial authorities on the account/wallet of a customer with Paytm Payments Bank will continue to be governed by the orders passed by such authorities.
29. **What will happen to my Paytm Payments Bank account/ wallet if there is a lien or freeze marked on account of internal policies of Paytm Payments Bank?**
The bank has been directed to allow withdrawal or transfer to another bank account of the customer, upto the available balance in the account / wallets.

Onboarding of new customers

30. **What is the status of the Business restriction placed on Paytm Payments Bank vide RBI Press Release dated March 11, 2022?**
The business restriction dated March 11, 2022, prohibiting Paytm Payments Bank from onboarding any new customers for any of its services continues to be in force. Hence, Paytm Payments Bank cannot onboard any new customers after March 11, 2022.

(updated as at February 16, 2024)

Mumbai **Department of Supervision, Reserve Bank of India**

Mohun Bagan downs NorthEast

The win takes the Kolkata outfit to second spot with 29 points from 14 matches; Liston, Cummings, Petratos, and Sahal find the net

ISL-10

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Main man: Petratos continued his goal-scoring run and scored in the 53rd minute. X@INDSUPERLEAGUE

Mohun Bagan SG came back from being a goal down to beat NorthEast United FC 4-2 in an exciting matchweek-15 fixture of the ISL-10 at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday. The win took Mohun Bagan to the second spot with 29 points from 14 matches.

The excitement started early as the Highlanders pressed the accelerator and found the break in the sixth minute. The opportunity came off a penalty as the Mohun Bagan sideback Dippendu Biswas handled the ball while trying to block a cross from the NEUFC winger Jithin M.S. Australian striker Tomi Juric scored from the spot to hand the visitor an early lead.

Mohun Bagan took charge towards the end of the opening half as Liston Colaco got the equaliser in the first minute of injury time. The host maintained the pressure and put another past the tired opponent in the final minute of the opening half to grab the advantage at the break. Jason Cummings tapped home the lead after he was set up in the goalmouth by Joni Kauko. The action got even more intense after the interval as the visitor levelled the score in the 50th minute off Juric. Mohun Bagan appeared in no mood to be bogged down and retrieved the lead again in the 53rd minute when Dimitri Petratos found the target through a nice counter-attack.

Kauko helped Bagan seal the issue in the 57th minute when he released Sahal Abdul Samad with a spectacular pass. The Indian international made no mistake with his finishing.

In Hyderabad, East Bengal defeated host Hyderabad FC 1-0. It was the 11th loss of the season for the home team.

The results:
At Kolkata: Mohun Bagan 4 (Liston 45+1, Cummings 45+4, Petratos 53, Sahal 57) bt NorthEast United FC 2 (Juric 6-pen, 50).
At Hyderabad: Hyderabad FC 0 lost to East Bengal 1 (Silva 11).

Tajinder, Jyothi and Harmilan strike gold medals

Sports Bureau

Asian champion Jyothi Yarraji broke her own year-old national record as she won the 60m hurdles gold at the Asian indoor athletics championships in Tehran on Saturday.

Jyothi clocked 8.12s to better her record (8.13s) which brought her the silver at last year's indoor Asians in Kazakhstan.

Despite having just two legal throws, Asian record holder and Asian Games champion Tajinderpal Singh Toor took home the men's shot put gold comfortably.

The results (gold medallists & Indian performances):
Men: 1500m: 1. Keneshbekov Nursultan (Kgz) 3:49.10s, 6. Ajay Kumar Saroj (Ind) 3:52.56. **Shot put:** 1. Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Ind) 19.72m, 4. Dhanveer Singh (Ind) 18.59. **Women: 1500m:** 1. Harmilan Bains (Ind) 4:29.55s. **60M hurdles:** 1. Jyothi Yarraji (Ind) 8.12s National record, OR 8.13, Kaz., 2023. **Long jump:** 1. Xiong Shiqi (Chn) 6.55m, 5. Shaili Singh (Ind) 6.27, 6. Nayana James (Ind) 6.23. **Shot put:** 1. Sun Yue (Chn) 17.65m.

Pranati gets bronze, Dipa fifth

Sports Bureau

Pranati Nayak bagged a bronze medal while Dipa Karmakar finished fifth in women's vault at the Artistic Gymnastics Apparatus World Cup, an Olympic qualifying event, in Cairo on Saturday. Pranati, who got 13.166 to qualify for the vault final in seventh position, scored 13.430 and 13.800 in her two attempts to register an overall 13.620 in the final and ensure a podium finish.

Mehuli-Divyansh pair loses

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mehuli Ghosh and Divyansh Singh Panwar were beaten 17-9 by Eszter Meszaros and Istvan Peni of Hungary in the mixed air rifle bronze match in the shooting World Cup in Granada on Saturday. In mixed air pistol event, Rhythm Sangwan and Ujjawal Malik were 12th. Germany dominated both events.

Chennai Blitz beats Hyderabad Black Hawks

PVL

Netra V.
CHENNAI

Chennai Blitz decimated Hyderabad Black Hawks 3-0 in front of its home crowd in the Prime Volleyball League season three at the SDAT multi-purpose indoor stadium here on Saturday.

Coming from a loss to the Ahmedabad Defenders, Chennai had a lot to prove. The Akhin G.S.-led outfit was unprepared as Hemanth P.'s attack near the net drew the first blood of the match. Eventually, Chennai caught up and maintained a slight lead of 11-9 courtesy Sameer Chaudhary and Dhilip Kumar's strikes. While Hyderabad's super point equalised the score 12-12, it was not good enough to capture the set.

Chennai managed to spot empty gaps in the second set and started to target Hyderabad's libero, Deepu Venugopal. Desperation led to the Black Hawks' constant errors, and Chennai made full use of this. Douglas Bueno's super serve and Ashamat Ullah's failed reception ensured Chennai was in a comfortable spot, which eventually led to the host clinching the set 15-11.

The results: Chennai Blitz bt Hyderabad Black Hawks 3-0 (16-14, 15-11, 15-7); **Friday's result:** Calicut Heroes bt Kochi Blue Spikers 3-1 (15-8, 15-12, 13-15, 15-12).